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Millions wasted on tests, teachers are told

BY JOHN O'LEARY AND JONATHAN PRYNN

DAVID Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, yesterday accused the government of wasting £30 million on the bureaucracy surrounding tests for seven and 14-year-olds.

He told the association's annual conference in Newcastle upon Tyne that more than £23 million was being spent on auditing the marking of classroom tests and assessments. The production and distribution of materials for the tests, many of which are unlikely to take place, had cost another £6.5 million.

At the Conservative party women's conference in London, John Patten, the education secretary, came under attack from an unexpected quarter when delegates criticised the national curriculum as "hopelessly overloaded".

In Newcastle Mr Hart told the association conference: "It is nothing short of a disgrace to see millions of pounds wasted on national curriculum bureaucracy and paperwork at the expense of desperately needed staff, books and equipment."

Few schools represented at the conference will be conducting the tests for 14-year-olds, supposed to start on Monday. Although much of the assessment of seven-year-olds was completed before the teachers' boycott began, most primary schools are refusing to report the results to local authorities.

Mr Hart said the dispute was only partly over teachers' workload, on which its legality is based. "One of the lessons to be learnt from the furious debate surrounding the national curriculum is that, although teachers' organisations have to comply with industrial relations law, if they wish to encourage non-cooperation, the dispute is only partly about conditions of service. It is in reality concerned as much with educational principles."

The unusually strong criticism of Mr Patten at the Tory women's conference came during the debate on school reforms. Angela Comfort, a Braintree school governor who proposed the motion, said the national curriculum testing regime was "a bureaucratic nightmare" involving "shelfloads of farcically complex instructions".

Teachers and parents were united against the tests, she said, the independent sector did not use them, and two government education advisers had resigned over their implementation. Head teachers and governors would be left in "an impossible situation this year", she added.

She appealed to Mr Patten to "make a bonfire of these bureaucratic vanities", and give Sir Ron Dearing's review of the national curriculum time to slim it down.

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Drop in the ocean: the Holbeck Hall hotel perched on the edge of cliffs at Scarborough as landslides encroach. The rose gardens, lawn and conservatory have already gone

Luxury hotel teeters on cliff

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A FOUR-STAR hotel was last night slowly falling inch by inch into the sea after a landslip destroyed a half-mile section of cliff top at Scarborough, North Yorkshire.

Twenty-four hours earlier the 110-year-old mock-Tudor Holbeck Hall had stood amid rose gardens and immaculate lawns more than 100 yards away from the cliff edge. Two slips in the clay subsoil in the early hours yesterday left the building poised on the brink and by the afternoon it began slowly toppling over.

Eighty guests in the £100-a-night hotel were roused from their beds shortly before breakfast yesterday and told to get ready to leave, but as they packed their cases the second slide dropped the lawn by 14 feet and the manager ordered them out immediately. Antiques and objets d'art which filled many of the rooms were rescued by staff.

By late afternoon a conservatory and recently-added restaurant had gone. The slip took a huge bite 800 yards wide out of the cliff edge, pouring thousands of tons of rock, clay and soil on to the beach below and forming a muddy promontory jutting 50 feet into the sea. No one has been reported missing.

A coastguard said: "It was just like Aberfan. Water got into the ground, liquifying the lower stratas, and it just slid away. The garden of the hotel is now between 60 feet and 80 feet below the hotel. There are cracks radiating back from the new edge right into the hotel's foundations."

Cracks several feet long appeared in its facade and car park. An oak-panneled entrance and minstrel gallery was badly damaged.

The hotel, worth more than £1 million, was built in the baronial hall style as a private home in 1883, designed by George Arthur Stephenson. It was converted to an hotel in 1930. At one time it was

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Major: I'm fit, I'm well, I'm here and I'm staying

BY SHEILA GUNN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

■ Trying to set aside discouraging polls, John Major fought to regain confidence with a speech aimed at uniting the party around traditional Tory values

JOHN Major yesterday emerged defiant from a week of almost relentless personal criticism to insist that he would not be swayed by attacks on his leadership. Brushing aside suggestions that he was tired and depressed, he declared: "I'm fit, I'm well, I'm here and I'm staying."

With opinion polls portraying him as the least popular prime minister for more than fifty years, Mr Major was anxious to lift Tory spirits, and his address to the Conservative women's conference in London yesterday was intended as the first step towards reasserting his authority over his embattled party.

The tone of his speech was clearly aimed at appeasing right-wingers who have been sharply critical of the tilt to the left in his cabinet and — apart from hinting at swingeing spending cuts rather than tax increases to cut public borrowing — he carefully kept away from contentious areas that have split his party. The only reference to the Maastricht treaty was criticism of the social chapter, and he did not refer to possible benefit changes or rail privatisation. Instead he concentrated on long-term aims based on traditional Tory values, winning applause for his pledges on law and order, education and a constitutional monarchy.

Aides have confirmed that William Rees-Mogg's comment in the *The Times* that it was probable that Mr Major "would have to go" particularly angered him, and the prime minister wasted no time yesterday in answering back. In an off-the-cuff prologue to his main text, he said that while newspapers were reporting him to be tired, weary and depressed, he was planting his delphiniums. "I am weary of gossip dressed up as news," he said. "Of malice dressed up as comment, and fiction reported as fact. *The Times* may be a-changing, but I am not."

Later in the speech, he repeated that Conservatives did not give up when times were difficult and unpopular decisions had to be made. Warning that tougher times could be ahead, he said that he would not shirk harsh decisions to bring government borrowing back under control, and suggested that he favoured spending cuts rather than further tax increases.

Mr Major was banking on growth to wipe out much of the deficit, but promised a "good hard look" at public spending. The public understood that savings had to be found, he said. "They know you can't spend what you don't have. And all of us have to take that message — uncomfortable as it is — to every constituency in the land."

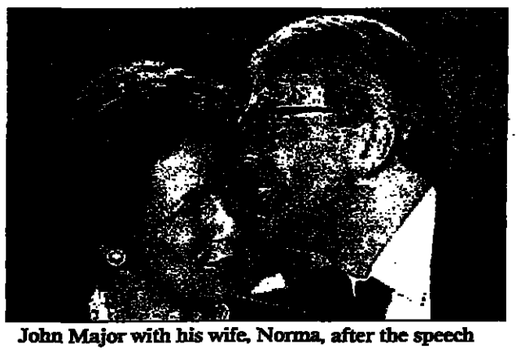
In the interests of the country, finances had to be put in order. Confidence was slowly returning and that would ripple through the economy, he promised, from the greatest companies to the village shop, adding: "We are at a turning point. The recession is slipping behind us. Steady growth lies in front of us."

Turning to crime, the prime minister promised that law and order would be the centrepiece of next year's legislation. He acknowledged the fear of crime and urged an end to the "all-too-easy tolerance of petty crime" that could breed an appetite for serious offending.

The criminal justice bill would tackle "so-called ravers, squatters and new-age travellers who treat other people's property as if it were the municipal rubbish dump", but he emphasised that the battle against crime must start in the home. Children had to be taught right from wrong and to be appalled by violence on television.

Mr Major went on to throw his weight behind John Patten and his education reforms. The reforms were never going to be plain sailing, he said, "but nothing — and no one — will deflect us from that task. To opt for the quiet life in education would be to accept the second-rate. Frankly, we're not prepared to do that."

While admitting that some of the new tests were too bureaucratic, he defended the principle, saying: "We must monitor every stage of a child's progress at school, and that means tests. That is why we insist on the publication, school by school, of exam results, testing scores and truancy rates. Those who want to hide this information are quite wrong."



John Major with his wife, Norma, after the speech

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'Gutless' Clinton attacked as he drops black radical

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton yesterday suffered the most damning accusations of his wretched four-month presidency after his abandonment of Lani Guinier, his nominee to head the justice department's civil rights division.

Ms Guinier bitterly and eloquently attacked that decision at a press conference that compounded her old friend's political distress. Leaders of the black, female and liberal constituencies who had been some of Mr Clinton's most loyal supporters denounced him as gutless, unprincipled and faithless.

The decision hurt Mr Clinton even among those moderate and conservative Democratic senators whose hostility to Ms Guinier caused his retreat. The latest in a string of self-inflicted disasters, the Guinier affair has reinforced the impression that he and his administration are inept, politically tone-deaf and swift to buckle under pressure. Commentators noted that as in the cases of Zoe Baird and Kimba Wood, Mr Clinton's first two choices for attorney-general, nobody in the White House foresaw the nominee's political vulnerabilities.

No one acted quickly and decisively to halt the burgeoning controversy. Once again a nominee was left twisting in the wind while the president appeared to run for cover. Mr Clinton even admitted he had not read Ms Guinier's writings on the very subject for which he had planned to make her responsible.

Ms Guinier, 43, a black law professor accused of supporting extreme measures to enhance black power, said she was greatly disappointed that Mr Clinton had denied her the right to rebut her opponents before the senate and win confirmation.

She claimed he had misinterpreted her academic writings. She denied ever advocating racial quotas or challenging basic democratic principles.

She laced formal support for the president with veiled criticism. To achieve Martin Luther King's dream of real equality "we need real presidential leadership — actions not just words," she said.

At a highly-charged 75-minute Oval Office meeting on Thursday night Ms Guinier had refused to spare Mr Clinton embarrassment by withdrawing voluntarily, and refused to appear with the visibly-distressed president when he made the announcement. For black leaders, who delivered millions of votes for Mr Clinton last year and kept quiet as he courted blue-collar white conservatives, Ms Guinier's abandonment was particularly bitter, and it could well cost the president vital support in future legislative battles. Kweisi Mfume, chair-

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Blandford on run after eluding police

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE Marquess of Blandford, 37, heir to Blenheim Palace and the dukedom of Marlborough, was on the run last night after successfully foiling attempts to arrest him at his west London home for non-payment of maintenance to his estranged wife.

Officials from the High Court, accompanied by police officers, arrived at the marquess's home early yesterday to execute a judge's arrest warrant, after he had been seen arriving by bicycle shortly after 7am. But they found only an empty flat and an open upstairs window with a 14-foot drop to the rear garden, leading to speculation that he may have escaped through the window.

Police said last night that, if found, the marquess would be arrested on sight and taken to Pentonville prison, London, to serve a four-month sentence. Lord Blandford is in breach of an order imposed by Mr Justice Johnson in the High Court on May 17, ordering him to pay arrears of £10,534 maintenance to Becky, Lady Blandford and their two-year old son, George, Earl of Sunderland, or face a jail sentence.

Lord Blandford and his wife experienced an acrimonious separation last year after barely two years of marriage. Lady Blandford and her son now live in a rented house at Kiddington, Oxon, five miles from Blenheim. Thames Valley police were keeping watch on her house, but it was thought unlikely that the marquess would turn up there.

At the High Court hearing in May, the judge heard that although Lord Blandford had an income of not less than £63,000 a year, he had failed to comply with a maintenance order of £2,500 a month for his wife and son. He was given two weeks in which to comply or face jail, and was also ordered to pay legal costs of more than £20,000.

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Pilot tried to warn carrier before it hit BP tanker

BY TIM JONES AND TOM WALKER

THE captain of the pilot boat which picked up many of the survivors from the stricken oil tanker *British Trent* off the Belgian coast said last night he had tried for 15 minutes to warn the other ship that it was on a collision course.

Captain Roger Lauwereins told ITN he had tried to contact the bulk carrier *Western Winner* on his VHF radio but had received no reply. He described his horror as he watched his radar screen and realised it was steaming towards the tanker.

"I said that if it stayed like that there would be a collision. It was close, then there was a boom and fire all around. It was like hell with all that fire and smoke."

Channel pilots insisted yesterday that the BP oil tanker *British Trent* was in the correct shipping lane and was virtually stationary when it was involved in the collision which killed nine crewmen.

Their conviction that Captain Stanley Montague, 48, the master of the 25,000 tonne *British Trent*, had broken no sea rules pointed the finger of blame to the captain and crew of the Panamanian registered, 30,000 tonne bulk carrier *Western Winner*.

Laurent Gombert, a chief pilot based in the Dutch port of Flushing, said there was no dispute that the *British Trent* was correctly positioned.

Western Winner's Korean chief officer, Taejung Kang, denied his vessel had been in the wrong. He said: "He was on the wrong side of the line, he came too close." The ship's master, Gang Dae Pung, 48, was quoted as saying that although they were watching radar, the fog was thick and it was not easy following a radar screen filled with points in sea lanes busy with other ships.

Mr Gombert said he had spoken to Willie Ackx, the pilot who had left the *British Trent* after guiding it through the busy shipping channels from Antwerp. He said: "The *British Trent* was in the correct place. We are sure of that but it will be for the investigators to decide who is to blame."

In London, BP issued a statement which said the company did not believe the *British Trent* had done "anything that was not correct." BP's superintendent of operations support, Mike Graham, confirming the enquiry into the incident could take weeks, said there had been no "exceptional circumstances" leading up to the collision. He said that both ships' radars had been operating at the time.

In Belgium, all but a handful of the 27 survivors were flown home to Britain, Ireland and Sierra Leone.

When he arrived at Stansted Airport, Captain Montague said visibility had been down to 200 yards when his ship was struck on the port side by the Western Winner after dropping off the pilot and reducing speed. "A fire broke out immediately and we attempted to control the blaze but we quickly realised this could not be done.

"The officer's wives, a female cadet and four of the crew were evacuated onto a pilot cutter," he said. "Then we prepared for general evacuation of the vessel to a nearby lifeboat, but fire and smoke engulfed the end of the ship making evacuation impossible and the only option was to jump overboard."

Smit Tak, the Dutch salvers, are now attempting to transfer the remaining lead free petrol cargo aboard the *British Trent* to another tanker, a dangerous operation that could take several days even in calm seas. Only when the vessel is empty will it be towed into Rotterdam.

CHRIS HARRIS



All packed up and nowhere to go: two bemused British Airways passengers survey a row of empty check-in counters at Heathrow's Terminal Four yesterday

BA wins support after strike with new 'staff charter'

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT
AIR CORRESPONDENT

AS British Airways last night prepared for a return to normal operations it became clear that the settlement of the dispute which shut down much of the airline for 24 hours was only the first round of what could become a series of battles with its unions.

Officials of the Transport and General Workers' Union accepted BA assurances that it had no intention of creating more low-cost subsidiary companies and asking staff to take wage cuts to join.

"As a result we have, nationally, been able to head off the need for more strike action," said a TGWU spokesman. He warned, however, that there was still no settlement of the dispute involving Gatwick-based cabin staff who had been balloted on strike action over their transfer to the British Airways European subsidiary.

"We are seeking talks about this as soon as possible," he said. "We are determined to maintain the same pay and conditions as apply to all other staff in the airline."

At the same time pilots' representatives were also seeking meetings aimed at settling their own dispute, which resulted in a five-to-one vote in favour of strike action.

The pilots are demanding a common contract of employment throughout the airline but, crucially, accept the need for low-cost operations at Gatwick and that newcomers to the subsidiary can be paid less than existing crews.

Their union, Balpa, wants a deal under which all pilots would be given the opportunity of bidding to join the new company at rates they would negotiate. "The new subsidiary could be attractive to some older first officers who may be able to obtain command," said Balpa's general secretary, Chris Darke. "But it must all be done on a common contract and contain guarantees that, if it begins to make money within three or five years, the pilots would be able to share in its prosperity."

The strike mandate runs out within 28 days and unless a new agreement can be reached before then a strike by all BA pilots that could ground the airline completely remains a strong possibility.

Yet another union in dispute with BA over the changes at Gatwick said it would be meeting on Sunday to consider further strike action.

The Apex (GMB) union, which represents 300 white-collar staff at Gatwick, said it wanted firm proposals over job security and the imposition of changes at Gatwick, not reassurances.

The union represents staff in customs services, check-in, clerical, computer and other areas at the airport. Union leaders will consider their own strike action and should it take place, Gatwick could be forced to shut down.

Yesterday's stoppage was estimated to have cost the airline about £10 million in lost revenue. More than 400 flights were cancelled, with all domestic services halted and all but 11 of Heathrow's short-haul departures and half the airport's long-haul departures stopped. Only one flight operated at Gatwick, but 18 of the lucrative long-haul services from Heathrow were able to take off. BA was able to maintain at least some services largely because of the work of more than 600 managers who volunteered for duty on check-in desks and as baggage handlers.

As part of the package aimed at pacifying the continuing militancy among unions, BA produced a "staff charter", reiterating that no current employees will be forced to change their current contract or terms and conditions. It, and significant modifications to the initial proposal to reduce staff costs, was put to union leaders yesterday and won grudging acceptance.

"Talks with TGWU went better than expected and augur well," said Robert Ayling, group managing director. He now must convince the other union leaders queuing up to take him on.

Hotel slides into the sea

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owned by the family of Charles Laughton, the actor, and it is said that as a young man he worked with the Holbeck Hall staff.

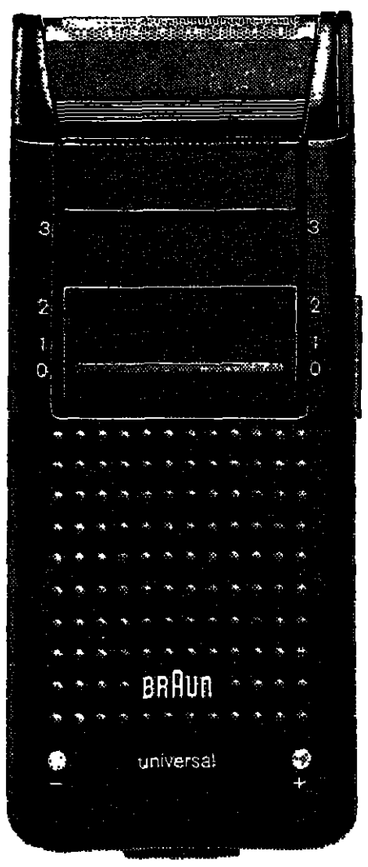
It was bought in 1978 by Joan Turner, whose family run the small English Rose hotel chain in Yorkshire. She said: "We are devastated. I was in the main lounge this morning and I could see the cracks appearing in front of me . . . We had hoped to hand it on to our grandchildren. It is the first time I have seen my husband cry."

Michael Clements, Scarborough's director of technical services, said the slip was typical of boulder clay cliffs. Clumps of sand mixed in with the clay can carry water and lubricate the clay, he said. "If after a series of dry summers you get cracks developing in the clay and then you get a very wet winter, such as we have had, the water gets in though the sands, lubricates the clays and this type of cliff is then very vulnerable. The difficulty with this type of slip is that they are unpredictable."

Much of Britain's east coast is under threat from erosion, either by the action of the sea or unstable subsoil, like that at Scarborough. The coastline from Spurn Point on the Humber estuary to the north of the resort is thought to be Europe's fastest disappearing shore. Some areas are disappearing at the rate of 10 yards a year.

Sue Earle, who chairs the Holderness Coast Protection Committee, is meeting Earle Howe, the junior agriculture minister, next week to discuss proposals for an overall strategy for the coast.

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Conservative women's conference

'Nice Mr Major' woos back his true-blue ladies

BY JAMIE DETTMER

IN THE bustle of food-getting and gossip after the prime minister's speech at the Tory party women's conference a hundred voices could be heard saying: "It's all the media's fault that nice Mr Major is having a rough time." He came, saw and conquered.

But then stamping your authority on a traditionally ultra-loyalist audience like the annual gathering of Conservative womanhood can hardly be counted much of a victory. "I thought he was very good," said Jennifer Cater, chairwoman of Newark constituency. "He did well today. I don't have any doubts about him," said Shelia Tonnison. "He put our minds to rest over rural post offices," said a grateful Janine Taylor from the North East regional women's committee.

The issues Mr Major dwelt on in his speech — falling education standards and rising crime in particular — were just the ones to go done well with a suburban audience that likes to terrify itself behind its net curtains with tales of an hostile world in which life is nasty, brutish and short.

Mr Major made their flesh creep: "The fear of crime is not remote", "how many women think twice before venturing out into their own town or city in the evening?", "we don't want our children saturated by violence" — and he mentioned "ravers, squatters and new-age travellers, who treat other people's property as if it were the municipal rubbish dump".

A chorus of "tut, tut" went up when they heard that a third of young people on training courses need remedial help with English.

He then comforted the ladies by promising that a "firm grip" would be kept on public spending. The government would "not shrink" from taking steps to combat crime. They loved his call for "pencil and paper tests to find out what each pupil has learned" — it conjured up a simpler Britain reminiscent of the 1950s that Mr Major has talked about so often before. They adored even more his vision for education: "Knowledge. Discipline. Tables. Sums. Dates. Shakespeare. British history. Standard English. Grammar. Spelling. Marks. Tests."

"Gotcha journalism" was the talk of the conference and Mr Major was not reticent in blaming the press for the government's present troubles. He began his speech on this theme by recording his annoyance at "gossip dressed up as news, malice dressed up as comment and fiction reported as fact". "I'm fit and I'm well and I'm here and I'm staying. The times are changing but I am not."

Indeed he is not. His speech delivery was strangled and robotic as ever. "Do not drop your voice at the end of sentences", according to the tips on public speaking at the back of the conference handbook. The prime minister did. Avoid generalities, the handbook says, but take this from the speech: "There is no need to shout, or use excessive vocal emphasis" was another tip in the handbook, but the prime minister yelled out: "It is time to stop knocking Britain. It is time to talk Britain up — and talk Britons back into work."

And what was one to make of "in education the worm is in the apple, and it's time to face this problem square on"? Maybe education is needed for Mr Major's speech-writer.

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Howe to head TV watchdog

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

LADY Howe, a fan of television series about the police, is to be the next chairman of the Broadcasting Standards Council, the taste and decency watchdog.

She will play a key role in dealing with growing disquiet among politicians and the public about the portrayal of sex and violence on television and the possible longer-term effects on society.

She watches *It'll Be All Right on the Night* for a "good laugh" and *Birds of a Feather*. She also likes police series, such as *The Bill* and *Prisoner Cell Block H*, and *The Snowman*, which she said should be shown every Christmas. Lady Howe's favourite films include Disney's *Jungle Book* and *Bambi*, and *Brief Encounter*, starring Celia Johnson and Trevor Howard, *Singing in the Rain* and *Top Hat*.



Lady Howe: setting standards of taste

The wife of the former foreign secretary will succeed Lord Rees-Mogg as chairman of the council on June 16, and will be paid £38,400 a year for a three-day week. Her new task is the latest in a growing number of appointments, which include being a non-executive director of Legal and General and Kingfisher, chairman of Opportunity 2000's target team, chairman of the British Oxygen Company Foundation and chairman of the Archbishop's Commission on the future role of the Church and cathedrals of the Church of England.

Lady Howe, 61, has a long history of public service but has little experience of broadcasting. But Lord Rees-Mogg said her appointment was excellent and a highly intelligent decision. "She is known for her work in promoting equal opportunities for women, and this is an area which has become important for the council," he said.

"It is a very unpolitical job and Elspeth Howe is known for her championing of liberal issues."

NEWS IN BRIEF

New court challenge over Allitt enquiry

The government is to face a second challenge in the High Court over the decision of the health secretary Virginia Bottomley to hold in private the enquiry into events surrounding the hospital murders by the nurse Beverly Allitt. The Royal College of Nursing said yesterday that it would take court action.

Christine Hancock, general secretary of the college, called in a letter to Mrs Bottomley for openness in the light of "continuing disquiet about nurses and other health care workers being inappropriately employed". Parents of some of the victims have already failed in their attempt to win leave to seek judicial review against the decision. They plan to appeal. Mrs Bottomley said that any person giving evidence to the enquiry chaired by Sir Cecil Clothier QC would be free to make their evidence public.

Fishermen stage sit-in

Fishermen ignored a court order yesterday to leave the quayside government fisheries offices in Plymouth, Devon, which they have been occupying since early yesterday morning. About 60 fishermen locked themselves in the offices in protest at new fish conservation laws that limit their days at sea. The say they will emerge only when the Sea Fish Conservation Bill is suspended and reviewed. The ministry said it was up to the court to decide what action to take next against the fishermen.

Guard for rape victim

A rape victim is under 24-hour guard after her stolen purse was returned to her home in Leicestershire by post. The 24-year-old woman was kidnapped at knifepoint from a shopping centre in Nottingham three weeks ago and raped. Police believe the purse and some of its contents were returned either by a member of the public or the attacker.

Police hunt husband



Detectives investigating the strangling of Tracey Cowley, 24, right, were last night trying to trace her husband, Simon Cowley, 29, who lived with his wife and their 19-month-old daughter in Cannock, Staffordshire, disappeared yesterday. He had been staying with his parents after being sedated for shock. Det Supt Jeff Virgo said: "We are extremely concerned for Mr Cowley's welfare."

Vauxhall offers car swap

Vauxhall has joined Rover and Ford in offering an exchange programme to customers unhappy with new cars. The Vauxhall deal, which starts on Monday, allows buyers to swap vehicles within 30 days, subject to "basic terms and conditions". Ford announced a similar deal on Thursday and Rover went a step further adding a refund option.

Birth control injections

The World Health Organisation gave approval for monthly birth control injections that are as effective as the contraceptive pill. The new preparations, called Cyclofem and Mesigyna, do not have such severe side-effects as the longer-lasting injectable contraceptive, Depo Provera. They will be introduced in many countries in the next few years.

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'I always resented having my life mapped out for me. I really don't know what to do with my life'

Blenheim's heir hits rock bottom as a victim of fortune

By Alan Hamilton

■ The wayward aristocrat Jamie Blandford faces further disgrace in a sad and turbulent life



Wasted life: a veteran of nightclubs, police cells and courtrooms. Jamie Blandford blames it all on his aristocratic upbringing

IF THE Marquess of Blandford, as appears, gave police the slip yesterday morning by dropping 14ft from an upstairs window of his west London home, it will not have been the first time that he has employed such a means of escape.

Sent by his father to a Paris clinic in the 1970s in the hope of curing him of a cocaine addiction, the heir to Blenheim Palace and its £100 million fortune employed the window route to regain his freedom from the doctors treating him. Recovered by his family and dispatched to another, more secure, clinic, he set fire to a potting shed. Things have not gone well for him since.

In 1986 he was jailed for three months for being in breach of a probation order for possessing heroin, the culmination of a record of drugs-related offences whose penalties included a £100 fine for assaulting a policeman, and £1,000 for breaking into a pharmacy.

As a motorist, he has fared no better. A string of driving convictions achieved their apogee in 1991 on his twelfth offence, driving while disqualified, which earned him three months in Oxford jail. Now he faces a further four-month prison term for failing to pay maintenance to his estranged wife.

Charles James Spencer-Churchill, known to his friends as Jamie Blandford, was born in 1955 to the 11th Duke of Marlborough and Susan Hornby, a member of the family which owns the W H Smith empire. He is a scion of the same family which, in an earlier age, produced the illustrious John Churchill, first Duke of Marlborough, and Sir Winston Churchill.

His schooling at Harrow was more or less as devoid of economic achievement as that of young Winston. He progressed to the Royal Agricultural College at Cirencester, an establishment much favoured by the sons of the landed gentry, but dropped out and went to herd sheep in Australia. He returned with thoughts of joining the army, but later failed the entrance examinations. Since then he has descended instead into a twilight world of drugs, and is frequently seen in the company of anonymous persons on the streets of "Crack City", a housing estate in Kilburn, north London.

The marquess rarely gives interviews, preferring instead to bawl out or assault any reporter or photographer who dares approach. But he did on one occasion offer the excuse that his wayward behaviour was the direct result of having to bear the burden of an aristocratic background, coupled with the divorce of his parents when he was four.

"I do feel confused about my destiny, and I have always resented having my life mapped out for me. I really don't know what to do with my life," he said.

The marquess's life appeared briefly to be taking a turn for the better in 1990 when he married Becky Few Brown, a kindergarten teacher unkindly dubbed by the King's Road set Becky Few Brains.

The couple were together long enough to produce an heir, George, Earl of Sunderland, but only just. Shortly afterwards the groom was obliged to leave the marital home for Oxford jail where, his wife alleged, a good number of his permitted outgoing letters were to a former flame, Arabella Tait.

On his release from prison, Lord and Lady Blandford were briefly reunited, but the marriage soon fell apart in acrimony and recrimination. Suspecting that she might experience some difficulty in laying her hands on maintenance payments, Lady Blandford sold a no-holds-barred version of her brief and unhappy union to the Daily Mail for £40,000.

The Duke of Marlborough from the fastness of Blenheim Palace, has viewed the behaviour of his heir with a baleful eye, but has restrained himself from public comment. It was recently reported, however, that he was demanding a blood test on young George, suspecting illegitimacy and hoping that the Blenheim estates would descend instead upon Jamie Blandford's younger and less controversial brother Edward. Little love is lost between father and son. When Lady Blandford suffered a bad fall from a horse earlier this year and spent four days in a coma her husband levelled a charge of insensitivity at his father, accusing him of going foxhunting while his daughter-in-law's life hung in the balance.

Lady Blandford has few kind words to say about her estranged husband, and nor do various members of the lay and professional judiciary charged with reining him in. The magistrate who sent him down for cocaine possession told him to his face that he was "a common criminal". Mr Justice Johnson, hearing the case of his non-payment of maintenance three weeks ago, was given a transcript of a telephone conversation in which the marquess allegedly told the marchioness: "I would rather serve a prison sentence than pay you money."

Language of that kind, his lordship observed, was "sad to see from people such as this". Lord Blandford, he added, appeared to have the attitude that "he pays what he chooses, with no regard to court orders." Others feel the same: at least two of Jamie Blandford's associates are pursuing him through the courts for alleged non-payment of rent and bad debts. The Marlborough family motto, "Faithful but unfortunate" appears to apply only in part to the heir to Blenheim.

"Vigilance, sobriety, regularity, humility, presence of mind, void of capriciousness, execution of orders well given, health proceeding from temperance, early up, never taken at a why not." Not, sadly, the present heir, but Sarah Churchill on her husband, the first Duke of Marlborough.

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Star's wardrobe goes on sale

By Sarah Jane Checkland

THE private wardrobe of the 1940s Oscar winner Olivia de Havilland is up for auction next month. Most of the 70 gowns, suits, hats, shoes and handbags were designed by the House of Dior for the Hollywood star.

Many feature in photographs of her. In one sequinned evening dress she attended the wide-screen premiere of *Gone with the Wind*, the film that made her famous. For years, Miss de Havilland has kept her wardrobe in immaculate condition in her Paris home. Now she is 77 she feels that she has no further use for them.

The auction takes place at Christie's in London on June 29.

When unveiled yesterday at the House of Dior by Marc Bohan, chief Dior designer in 1960, and Svetlana Lloyd, one of the company's models of the 1950s, the outfits presented a visual history of haute couture from the 1950s to the 1970s.

The two-piece, grey flannel, A-line suit designed by Christian Dior and worn by Miss de Havilland at her 1955 wedding, for example, was a major departure from the tight-waisted look Dior had pioneered in 1947. The photographs of Miss de Havilland helped to launch the style. The estimate for the suit is £2,000 to £4,000.

Mr Bohan said: "Olivia de Havilland was very easy to dress. She knew she was a star. She was a perfectionist."

But he is full of scorn for today's more casual fashions. "Fashion should not come from the street; it should end up there. It should be a mirror of the period but not a copy of the street," he said.

The daughter of a British patent attorney and a former music scholar from Reading, Miss de Havilland started her stage career while still a school girl, playing Hermia from *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in the 1935 film.

In the seven-year contract with Warner Brothers that followed, she played a succession of heroines, often partnered by Errol Flynn.

It was her performance as the saccharine Melanie in *Gone with the Wind* in 1939 that made her a household name, followed by Oscars for her part in the 1946 film *To Each His Own* and, in 1949, *The Heiress*.

ROBIN HAYES



Style history: some of the dresses to be auctioned

THE SUNDAY TIMES

Fergie's folly

The offer of a cover shoot with a leading fashion photographer for a glossy magazine was just the thing to restore her image, the Duchess



of York decided. The intervention of John Bryan, her financial adviser and the man who helped tarnish that image, contributed to the deal collapsing in acrimony.

Part 1 of the Undoing of the Duchess in The Magazine, The Sunday Times tomorrow

Woman shot outside DIY store

By A Staff Reporter

A WOMAN was shot dead in front of her daughter and grandchildren yesterday by a former boy friend who then killed himself.

June Smith was shot four times as she crouched behind a car to try to avoid the shots in the car park of Texas Homecare in Cheltenham. Her daughter Tracey and two young grandchildren escaped into the store shortly before the gunman turned the sawn-off shotgun on himself. He died soon afterwards.

Mrs Smith, of Cheltenham, who was in her 40s, had been living with the man until recently. She had two other children, Wayne, 24, and Jason, 19.

Mary Roberts, 26, whose flat overlooks the car park, said: "I saw this woman duck behind a blue car and a man dressed in a black T-shirt, dark jeans and trainers, pointing a gun in her direction and firing. He fired a total of four shoots from a sawn-off shotgun." The man then reloaded while the younger woman looked on screaming.

Det Chief Supt Peter Shayle said: "At this stage of our enquiries there is no reason to believe anyone else was involved in the incident."

Father dies after party for child

A STOCKBROKER killed himself while his family was celebrating the birthday of his two-year-old daughter.

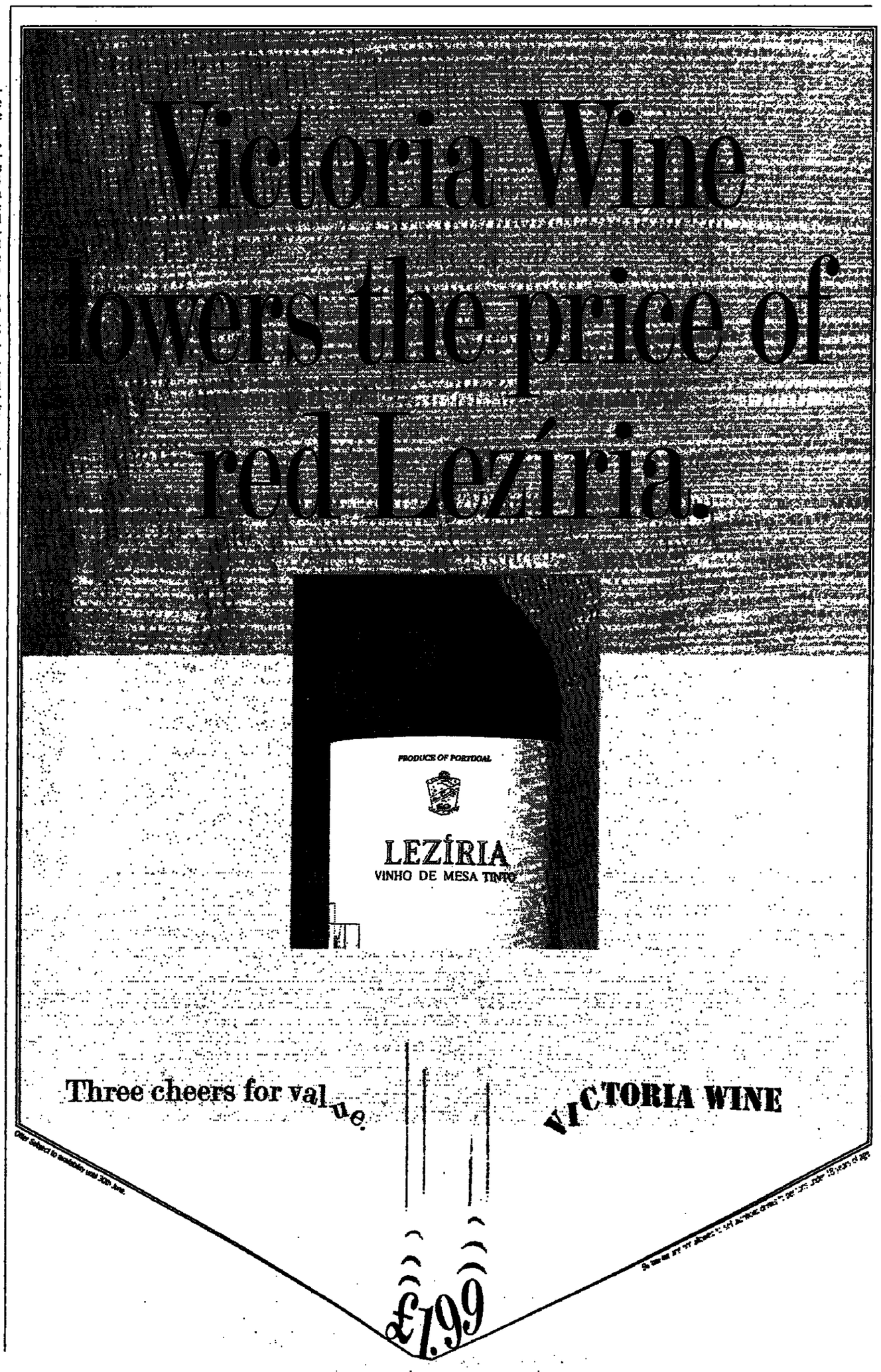
Michael Trimm, 31, died from shotgun wounds hours after his pregnant wife Linda and other members of the family had attended the party at their five-bedroom cottage in Mark Cross, near Crowborough, East Sussex.

Police were investigating the possibility that Mr Trimm, who was a keen field sportsman, may have accidentally triggered a gun he was cleaning in his study.

Mr Trimm's father, Frederick, said: "He was a great family man. I have no idea why this has happened."

Police said there were no suspicious circumstances and they were not looking for anyone else in connection with the death on Thursday evening.

Mr Trimm worked for the City firm Brewin Dolphin & Co. His boss, John Hall, said that Mr Trimm had a brilliant career ahead of him and there was no reason for him to take his own life. "He had taken the day off for his child's birthday and his parents were staying with him for the celebrations. They were all due to go fishing the next day," he said.



Private in Parachute Regiment convicted of murdering teenager in stolen vehicle

Soldier jailed for life for Belfast car killing

FROM RICHARD DUCE IN BELFAST

A SOLDIER in The Parachute Regiment was jailed for life yesterday for murdering a teenage girl when he opened fire on a speeding joyrider's car in Belfast.

Another soldier involved in the shooting was jailed for seven years after a judge at Belfast Crown Court convicted him of attempted murder and of trying to cover up the incident in west Belfast in September 1990.

Mr Justice Campbell told the convicted murderer, Private Lee Clegg, 24, and his colleague Private Barry Aindow, 25, that while he accepted the shooting had taken place in circumstances of stress and panic, "the courts will not tolerate any behaviour outside the rule of the law by those that the public entrusts with firearms to look after their interests".

Clegg is only the second serving soldier from an English regiment to be convicted of murder in connection with the Troubles in Northern Ireland. The first was Private Ian Thain who shot dead Thomas Reilly, 22, in 1984 during a disturbance in west Belfast.

Four other members of the Victor 10A patrol from the Third Battalion walked free after almost two years in military custody when they were cleared of charges relating to the shooting.

The driver of the stolen Vauxhall Astra, Martin Peake, 17, and his friend Karen Reilly, 18, were killed when at least 19 out of 36 bullets fired by the patrol hit the car after warnings to stop were ignored. A second woman escaped with minor injuries. A bullet recovered from Miss Reilly's body was traced to Clegg's gun.

Mr Justice Campbell, delivering his 135-minute judgment, said he accepted that three out of four rounds were fired justifiably by Clegg because he believed the stolen car was being driven straight at Aindow. Army rules of engagement determine a soldier may open fire "whenever his own life or the lives of any other person may be considered at risk."

But, said the judge, it was the fourth shot fired into the rear of the car as it sped off, which hit Miss Reilly, that could not be justified.

Aindow, who fired six shots at the car, two after it passed him, later claimed the Astra had struck him on the left leg but the court was to hear contradictory evidence from a police officer with the patrol who said he heard a shout of "Get down, you're it" and one soldier than stamp on another's leg.A doctor who examined Aindow the next day said he was surprised that the minor bruising to his leg had led to the need for a limp.

The judge said the evidence of the police officer may have been flawed but he found it "impossible to understand how this car could have struck Aindow where he is said to have been struck without hitting or mounting the curb."

Clegg, married with a young son, was convicted of murdering Miss Reilly and the attempted wounding of Mr Peake, for which he received a concurrent four year sentence. He was cleared of attempting to murder Mr Peake, perverting the course of justice and obstructing police.

Aindow was found guilty of attempting to murder Mr Peake, conspiracy to pervert and attempting to pervert the course of justice. He was cleared of obstructing police.

Lieutenant Andrew Oliver, 26, Corporal Robert Wood, 30, Lance Corporal Stephen Boustead, 30, and Private Andrew Tracey, 23, were all cleared of attempting to pervert the course of justice and obstructing police. L/Cpl Boustead, who fire nine rounds as the car sped towards him, was also cleared of attempted murder.

MARTIN PEAKE/PACEMAKER



Convicted: Privates Clegg, left, and Aindow outside Belfast Crown Court yesterday

Agencies 'might have prevented girl's death'

A THREE-year-old girl's death at the hands of her mother's violent lover might have been avoided if care agencies had functioned properly, according to a report published yesterday.

Toni Dales died in February last year after being thrown against a bedroom wall by Glen McPherson, 25, of South Bank, Cleveland. Last week McPherson was jailed for life for her murder.

The National Children's Bureau report, commissioned by the Cleveland area child protection committee, paints a picture of all-round failure by social services, health, police, education and probation services. Their insufficient intervention, despite clear warning signs, was in sharp contrast to the 1987 Cleveland child sexual abuse crisis, which resulted in agencies being criticised for intervening too much.

The report says that within a fortnight of the girl's birth it was decided that the mother, Ruth, a single parent aged 19, would need extra support.

Monitoring of the family continued, and McPherson came on to the scene in May 1989. In April 1990 Samantha, a baby born to McPherson and Ms Dales, died at three months old of sudden infant death syndrome.

The implication of yesterday's finding is that the death of Toni could have been avoided if the agencies had responded adequately to signs of physical abuse and had been aware of McPherson's violent criminal record.

The report says that the 1987 child sexual abuse enquiry had both a positive and negative impact on the situation surrounding the agencies. It says the latter involved "anxiety, suspicion, confusion in service units between sexual abuse and physical abuse, and hostility from members of the public towards the agencies and their staff".

Forty people were interviewed by the enquiry, and the report speaks of their willingness "to question their attitudes and actions openly and examine how to put matters right". Referring to the earlier death of Samantha, it says that where cot deaths occur after suspicion of child abuse, care should be taken to review carefully the history and the diagnosis/finding of sudden infant death syndrome.

Prince urges more training for the young

THE Prince of Wales yesterday called on companies to abandon the attitude that training workers was a burden on their businesses, and to invest in school children who would be Britain's brightest industrial brains of the future (Kevin Eason writes).

Opening the new £700 million Toyota car plant at Burnaston, Derbyshire, the prince said there was growing awareness that manufacturing industry was vital to a healthy economy. But he warned that the commitment to training and education was not strong enough to ensure the skills of future workforces.

He said: "There is at last an increasing understanding of the vital importance of manufacturing industry in helping to create a balanced economy and an economy that is internationally competitive. The commitment to training and the motivation of employees is crucial."

Love takes flight

BY ROBIN YOUNG

WHEN Carl Darmanin proposed to Linda Lipscombe outside the duty-free shop at Rome airport, she told him that he would have to wait for a reply.

He did not have to wait long. In mid-flight to Heathrow, British Airways Captain Martin Smalley announced over the airliner's address system: "I have a message for Carl Darmanin. His proposal of marriage to Linda has been accepted."

Passengers applauded, hostesses offered congratulations and Abdulla Hamad, a passenger from Dubai, emerged from the first-class cabin bearing two packages that he offered to the couple. It was, he declared, the most romantic thing he had heard in 30 years. He said that the gold watches in the packages were the best thing available from the in-flight duty-free service.

Mr Darmanin, 42, managing director of a vending company, had proposed to Miss Lipscombe, a promotions manager, outside the duty-free shop at Rome airport, where she had been disappointed not to be able to buy a scarf. Mr Hamad and Captain Smalley accepted invitations to the wedding in September.

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'Au pair from hell' emptied boss's house for revenge

The alleged mistreatment of a young French girl was no excuse for her £75,000 theft, a judge said yesterday

BY IAN MURRAY

A FRENCH au pair was jailed for a year yesterday after admitting she stole £75,000 worth of valuables from an employer whom she claimed had treated her like a slave.

Harrow Crown Court was told that Brigitte Bartout, 23, and her former French boy friend had removed almost everything that could be shifted from her employer's home in Hampstead Garden Suburb, north London.

Virtually the only thing left in the house when she left with her boy friend just before Christmas, 1991, was enough food for the two pet poodles she abandoned there. The haul, which the two ferried to a flat in St John's Wood in London, included television sets, antiques, Victorian light fittings, cosmetics and £15,000 worth of designer clothes.

Francis Lloyd, for the prosecution, said that Mlle Bartout had worked for Dena Spivak, an aerobics teacher, for four years, and paid £40 a week to care for the dogs and do general housework. She had been left in a position of trust looking after the house and the two dogs when her employer flew off to spend Christmas in America.

On Christmas eve, Miss Spivak's sister discovered the house gutted of its contents but littered with excrement by the two abandoned dogs.

Mlle Bartout had been traced to her home village in the Dordogne. Her boy friend had not been found and, according to the defence, he had given her only £60 from the proceeds of selling the stolen goods.

"Au pairs are particularly vulnerable people, often young, poorly educated, very distant from their families in foreign countries," Isabelle Gillard, for the defence, said. "Often they don't speak the language.

"This young woman was required to do all the housework, the heaviest type over and over again, almost obsessively. The type of cleaning she was required to do included cleaning up used condoms from the bedroom and that sort of thing.

"After months of bad treatment, something snapped. She was treated like a skivvy, almost like a slave."

Miss Gillard said that Miss Spivak had flaunted her wealth, walked round the house without any clothes on and behaved freely with her own boy friend in front of the au pair. "Miss Bartout saw a great many things she would not be expected to see as an au pair," she said.

Passing sentence, Judge Myrella Cohen said: "Whatever antagonism existed between you and them is no defence to this charge. It is said you were obliged to perform heavy household duties. You have sought to blacken the name of your employers. I make no comment on that save to say that if you didn't like working for them you were not forced to do so."

John Loftus, who married Miss Spivak after the theft, said when the case ended that Mlle Bartout was "an au pair from hell".

"This image of the naive French country girl which they tried to create in court is laughable. The girl is in jail for ripping off £75,000 worth of goods. She is a crook.

"She emptied the house of everything she could carry. Out of the £75,000 worth of goods she took, we only managed to claim £37,390 from the insurance.

"She is a very devious young girl and the claims she made were absolutely outrageous. The girl claimed she had to pick up used condoms from the floor. This is the most ridiculous nonsense I have ever heard," Mr Loftus said.

Danes to raise U-boat sunk in dying days of the Reich

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

A GERMAN U-boat sunk in the last days of the second world war is to be raised this summer to form the centrepiece of a new museum.

U-534 was sunk in the Kattegat, the stretch of water between Denmark and Sweden, on May 5, 1945. The Liberator plane that sunk the U-boat had been told that senior officials of the Third Reich attempting to escape to Argentina might be among the passengers on board.

The sunken submarine was rediscovered in one of the deepest parts of the Kattegat, north of the island of Anholt, in 1986. Yesterday a consortium led by Karsten Ree, a Danish publisher and businessman, announced its intention of raising it.

The job will be done by the salvage experts Smit Tak, with the full co-operation of the Danish authorities. The money for the salvage has already been found.

The organisers insisted yesterday that the salvage was not a treasure hunt, in spite of rumours that the submarine may have been loaded with valuables being removed from the collapsing Reich. Hitler had already committed suicide in his Berlin bunker and handed over control to Admiral Doenitz, who declared on April 4: "The U-boat war goes on."

The day before, U-534 had left its bunker at Kiel. Heading north, it lay silent on the bottom during the night of May 4, before continuing into the Kattegat the following morning. Just after 1.30pm, it was attacked by two Liberators from 86 Squadron, Coastal Command, based at Inverness. Ordered to stay on the surface for fear of mines, the submarine had no choice but to fight it out with the aircraft, which attacked at 150ft.

One member of the crew of the second Liberator, Ernest Collett, the beam (centre) gunner, remembers the day vividly. "It was a hell of an experience," Mr Collett said yesterday from his home in Australia. "The ack-ack fire was intense, and we had been told we had to sink the U-boat because intelligence thought the German heirarchy were trying to escape in it."

The first Liberator overshot the target, was hit and ditched in the sea; there were no survivors. The second, piloted by Warrant Officer John Nicol, launched its attack. That attack, using four depth charges, succeeded and U-534 sank. The crew of 52 abandoned ship and most survived, with three dying from cold and injuries.

Of the 11-strong Liberator crew — four Australian and seven British — at least three survive today. Mr Nicol, from Cardiff, died in 1976.

According to Jonathan Wardlow, a spokesman for the salvage consortium, the condition of U-534 is good. The only obvious damage is to the conning tower, which can be easily repaired.

The plan is to establish a museum to cover the last chaotic months of the war. Mr Wardlow said: "We would like this to be in Denmark, but we are still looking for the ideal setting and the right partners."





Victims and victor: U-534's crew and Warrant Officer John Nicol, the pilot of the Liberator which sank them

Nurse in choir tells of love for vicar

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE new love of a vicar who quit his job and left his family has said that they could not help what happened because they "just fell in love".

Mary Jones, 53, a nurse who sang in the church choir, left her husband of 32 years to begin a new life with the Rev Norman Fox. Mrs Jones, whose husband Sam suffers from multiple sclerosis and is blind in one eye, said: "We knew it would be difficult right from the start but we just fell in love. It was nothing we went out to do on purpose. I was worried that because I was the woman and he was the vicar I would be the one branded a marriage-breaker.

"We started a proper relationship in February. I have known him for about two years as a singer in the choir. I didn't plan to go out and break up his marriage and it is not what he wanted either. We did not go blindly into this relationship because we didn't want to hurt our families."

Mr Fox, of St Mark's Church, Brierley Hill, West Midlands, left his wife, Patricia, and their two children to live with Mrs Jones in the Wordsley area of Stourbridge. He said that his decision to leave his wife of 29 years had upset a lot of people. "I hope they will be able to forgive us in time. One tries to keep the faith and trust in God and get through each day."

Mr Jones, of Kingswinford, West Midlands, who can hardly walk and relied on his wife's nursing expertise for help around the house, accused the vicar of being a philanderer. "He will rot in hell for what he has done," he said. "It is not Christian what they have done."

The Bishop of Dudley, the Rt Rev Tony Dumper, said Mr Fox's licence to as a priest had been withdrawn but he had not been defrocked. "That is not to say he will not be defrocked, it all depends on his behaviour in the future."

Group 4's use of ankle straps to be investigated

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

A HOME Office enquiry is under way into whether Group 4 is using plastic ankle straps too often in attempts to control disruptive prisoners in its custody.

A claim that unruly prisoners had their shoes removed before being made to walk from inside a prison to one of the company's cellular vehicles will also be investigated.

Colin Griffiths, governor of a prison and young offenders' institution at Hatfield Woodhouse, South Yorkshire, wrote to the Home Office expressing concern at the incidents that occurred when prisoners were being escorted in the east Midlands and Humberside. He wrote: "This treatment of young prisoners causes me some alarm."

In the letter, sent to the head of a unit dealing with privatising prisons, he said that one inmate alleged he had been kept in plastic ankle straps for four hours. The inmate, Mr Griffiths wrote, was making a formal complaint against Group 4.

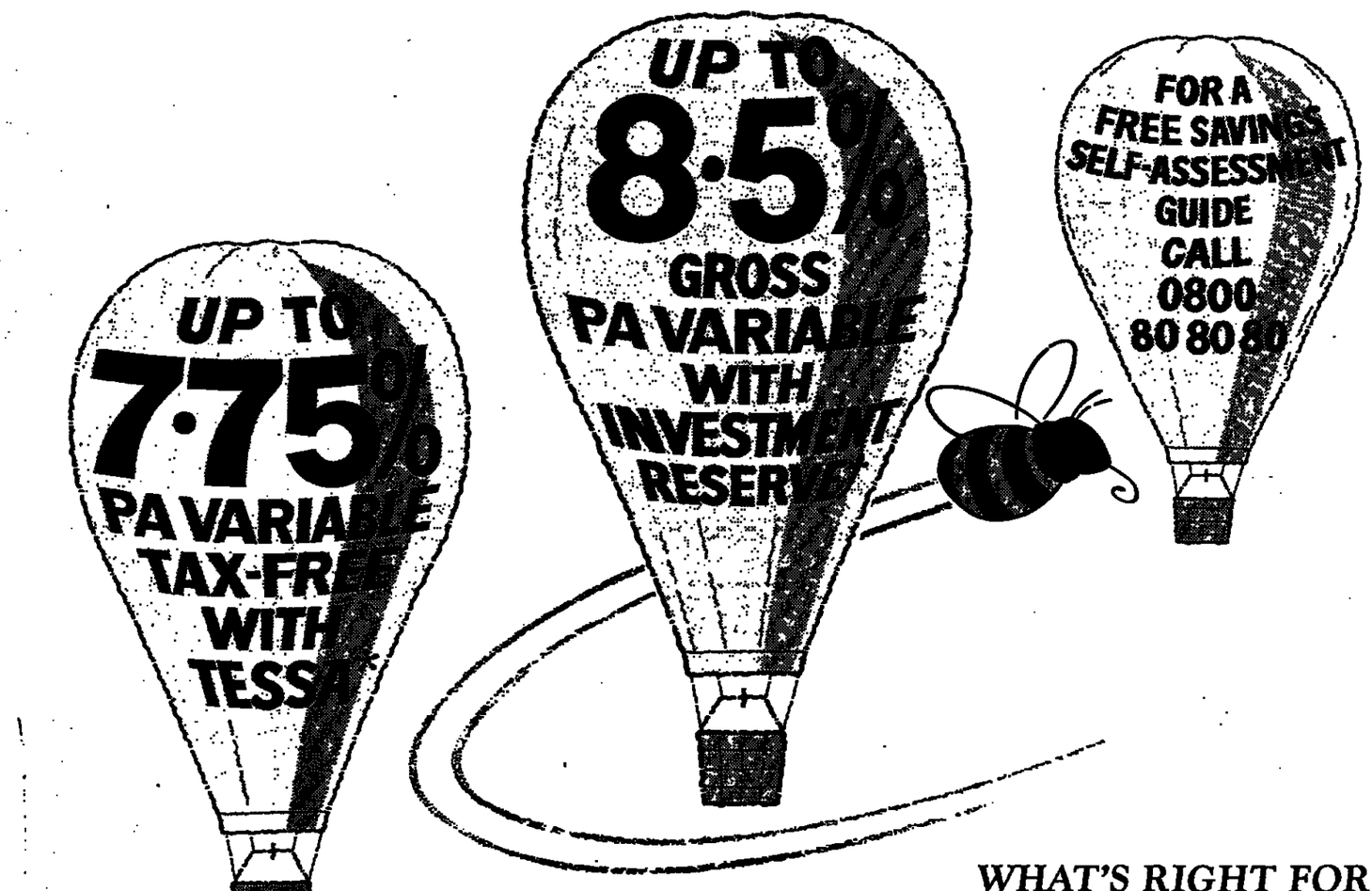
Last night, a spokesman for the Prison Service Agency said that after a number of incidents involving the use of plastic ankle straps, a Home Office official had begun an enquiry.

Stephen Twinn, a Group 4 spokesman, said that the prisoners had had their shoes removed because they had been kicking the doors of their cubicles in the cellular vehicle.

☐ A critical report on the Wolds remand prison near Hull, Humberside, was poorly researched, misleading in parts and factually inaccurate, Group 4 claimed in the first detailed defence of its management published yesterday.

☐ A Group 4 security gaurd was shot outside the Sgt Yorke casino in Birmingham yesterday. Robert Richards, 32, had collected the previous evening's takings at 3.12pm when he was shot in the leg by two robbers who ran off with the cash bag. He has a shattered femur.

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Critics compare Leonardo musical to South Sea guano

BY NICHOLAS WATT

THE political elite from the tiny South Pacific island of Nauru pledged yesterday to soldier on with their first West End musical after London's theatre reviewers collectively ridiculed *Leonardo, A Portrait of Love*.

Disparaging comparisons between the show and the island's seafowl excrement did little to dent President Dowiyogo's faith in the £2 million musical, which the government has bankrolled to the tune of £2 million. Nauru, one of the world's richest countries, derives its wealth from exports of its phosphate, made from guano.

After flying in for Thursday's opening night, the president and his cabinet did their best yesterday to ignore the reviewers' scorn. The critics objected to the show's sloppy disregard of historical detail: Leonardo da Vinci, hardly remembered as a hot-blooded heterosexual, sings and embarks on a love affair with the subject of *Mona Lisa*.

Nicholas De Jongh, in the London *Evening Standard*, made no attempt to conceal his contempt for such sloppiness. "If the Pacific island of Nauru were not rich in seafowls' excrement, I doubt if a load of extreme rubbish like *Leonardo* would have been dumped upon a West End theatre," he wrote. Refuting the idea that Leonardo was a "raging heterosexual", Mr De Jongh cited two cases when the painter faced court charges for homosexual acts. "What is the point of grossly tampering with the facts and drives of such a great artistic life?. None ... *Leonardo* turns out to be a travesty, and boring too."

Duke Minks, the producer,



brushed aside the criticisms. "We realised that popularising Leonardo da Vinci would make us sacrifical lambs. There was no proof that he was homosexual and we do focus on his close male relationship with Melzi," he said. "We were quite prepared for the reviews." Critics tended to work as a mafia, he added, and other theatrical figures had been delighted with the musical. "We are prepared to finance the show until Christmas, although I don't think that will be necessary."

All the previews for *Leonardo* were full and Mr Minks said he was confident the public would ignore the reviews. "At the previews, we circulated questionnaires and at least 90 per cent were favourable. If we always listened to critics, the theatrical world would be broke."

Maureen Paton, in the *Daily Express*, dismissed the musical in her opening paragraph: "There are only six shopping months to Christmas and already the turkey has arrived in the West End." She derided it as vapid and feeble.

The Daily Telegraph was slightly more tolerant, but Charles Spencer was not impressed. "There is a great deal of tosh to sit through ... Not for one moment do you believe that its portrait of Leonardo comes close to an accurate portrayal of one of civilisation's greatest geniuses."

☐ The opening of *Sunset Boulevard*, the new musical by Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber, may be delayed by technical problems. Faulty hydraulic valves at the Adelphi Theatre have set back the production by two weeks. It is due to open on June 29.

DONALD COOPER



Anguish without realism: Paul Collis as Leonardo da Vinci, whose emotional outbursts contradict the historical belief in his dispassionate eye

Portrait of the artist as airbrushed butterfly-brain

Leonardo
The Strand

AS A preliminary, let us eavesdrop upon some men who fancy writing a musical about that celebrated artist and homosexual, Oscar Wilde. "OK, you guys, we can't ignore this Bosie-baby, but who's the *woman* in his life? The one who inspired Lady Bracknell, right? So we'll have 20 love songs for the two of them and give Bosie a number at Ossie's death bed — 'Your life is a portrait of love. I was a part but she was the heart.' "

Improbable? I would not advise betting on that in case Tommy and Greg Moeller, Russell Dunlop and Duke Minks decide to airbrush Wilde in a manner that follows on from their treatment of Leonardo da Vinci. The woman in his life is, of course, Mona Lisa, the betrothed, wife and eventual victim of Francesco Giocondo (James Barron), and though the great man is generally supposed to have felt no sexual interest in women, the makers of this musical imagine otherwise.

It is love at first sight (song: "Eye To Eye") but she is highly born and pledged to another. Without her he cannot paint and throws his camp follower, Meltzi, into a fearful tiz. This flouncing creature has appointed himself Leonardo's agent ("Part Of Your Life") but gets no thanks. Leonardo gives him a broken smile now and then but only once kisses him, whereas he is kissing Lisa all the time — no really, night after night in the Valley of the Arno ("Just A Dream Away") until the inevitable happens and she suffers morning sickness.

Well, this means a quick marriage, which poor Leonardo does not understand because she never tells him of their child. He bursts into her bedroom on the wedding morn where Francesco nearly runs him through with a sword. Next, he makes an ugly scene in the cathedral and stabs his portrait of the lady he has come to hate. Meanwhile, Meltzi (Hal Fowler) has not, according to this version, ever got to first base, even though he keeps changing his tights, first black, then raw sienna, next a fetching rose madder and finally Prussian blue. By this time, we are just over halfway but tragedy looms, and during carnival too; ah, the irony of it.

The last 50 years of the master's life pass in a blink with Leonardo all this time inseparable from the final portrait of his love, a face that combines his features and hers. The elderly Meltzi is not quite so camp, and no longer hits his feet on the stage heel-first when he walks, but he is still the gooseberry.

I have to admit I quite enjoyed the opening scenes because the sets by Michael Pavelka are attractive, detailed but unfussy, at least until we arrive at Leonardo's studio ("Genius") where the attempt to present the hero as insatiable for knowledge turns him, instead, into a restless butterfly-brain. However often Paul Collis dashes off a charcoal sketch he never convinces as a driven artist, and his emotional outbursts contradict what history has singled out for praise: his dispassionate eye.

Jane Arden sings and smiles prettily as Lisa, though she looks more like the young Princess Margaret. Since the face of the real *Mona Lisa* resembles those that of our beloved Queen Mother, there is at least a family likeness. The music follows the modern style in requiring male voices to sing at the very top of their register, and the sound is not always agreeable. Rob Bettinson's direction sometimes notes the daftness of a line and makes a joke of it but does not grasp that the whole drift of this show is absurd.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Film fans watch investments

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

FILM fans are being invited to boost the battered British film industry by investing directly in a new picture starring Anita Dobson and James Bolam and featuring a cameo appearance by the Labour MP Ken Livingstone.

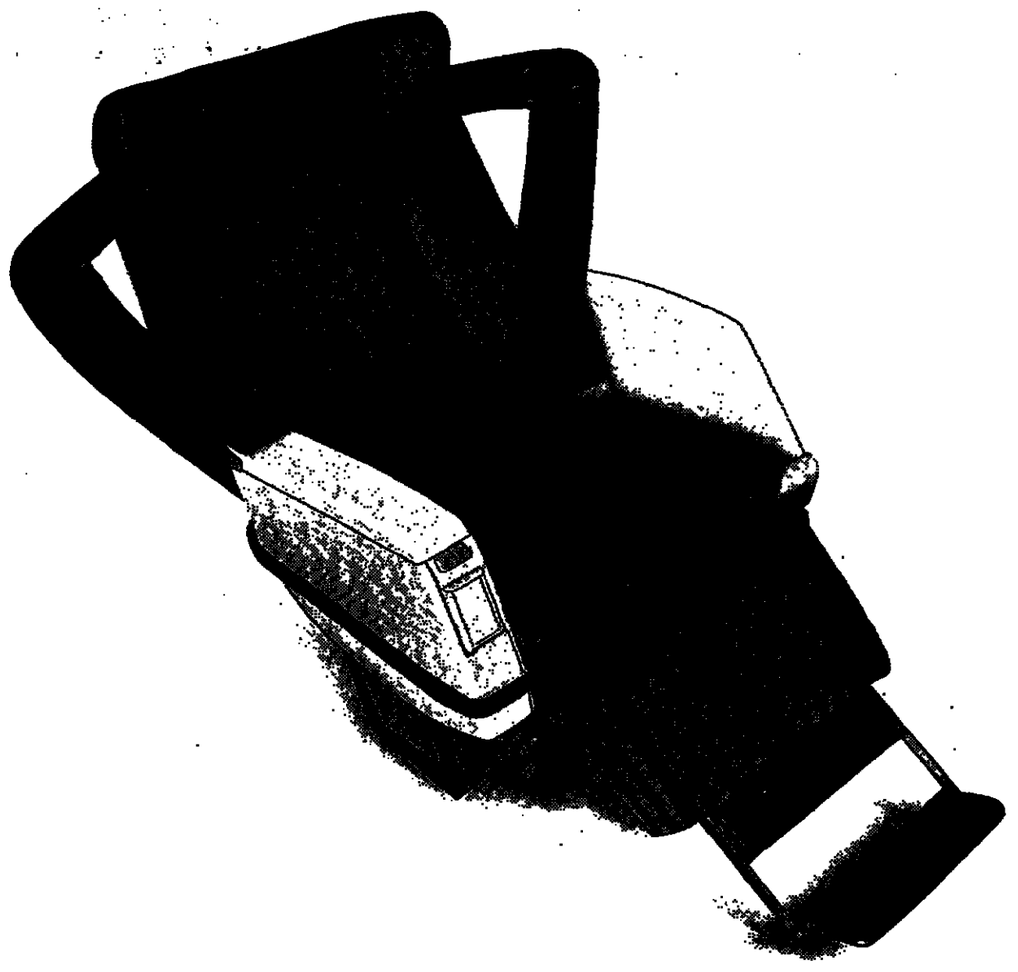
The makers of *Seaview Knights*, a modern-day epic based on the Arthurian legend, are exploiting a tax incentive usually employed by property developers to produce the film for less than the cost of a decent semi in Harrow. The film's upfront cost has been pared back to £125,000 because the actors, production team and many of suppliers are taking payment on a deferred basis. They will not receive a penny until the film has paid its investors a 10 per cent premium.

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THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

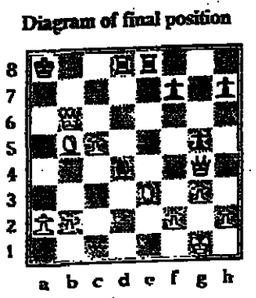
VASSILY Ivanchuk is a brilliant player but he has trouble controlling his nerves. In this needle game from the great Linares tournament Ivanchuk tries to bale out by choosing the drawish Petroff Defence against his dangerous Indian opponent. Nevertheless, Ivanchuk's pacific ploys are thwarted in spectacular style as Anand terminates him with cascades of devastating sacrifices.

White: Vishy Anand
Black: Vassily Ivanchuk
Linares 1993

Petroff Defence

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nf6
3	d4	Nxe4
4	Bd3	d5
5	Nxe5	Nd7
6	Nxd7	Bxd7
7	0-0	Qh4
8	c4	0-0-0
9	c5	g5
10	Nc3	Bg7
11	g3	Qh3
12	Nxe4	dxe4
13	Bxe4	Bb5
14	Bg2	Qf5
15	Bc3	Bxf1
16	Bxf1	Rhe8
17	Qa4	Kb8
18	Rd1	c6
19	Rd3	Qe4
20	Ra3	a6
21	Bd3	Qg4
22	Rb3	Bxd4
23	Rxb7+	Kxb7
24	Qxa6+	Kb8
25	Qb6+	Ka8
26	Qxc6+	Kb8
27	Qb6+	Ka8
28	Bb5	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



a b c d e f g h



Boy of 13 heads for record books

AT THE age of 13, a Hungarian chess prodigy is poised to become the youngest grandmaster in the history of the game (Ian Murray writes). On Thursday evening in Budapest, Peter Leko scored his second grandmaster result and is only a tournament away from reaching the highest grade.

Compared to his compatriot Judit Polgar, he has been a slow starter. She was four months younger than he when she scored her first grandmaster points. However, she took another two years to amass the necessary points, while Peter has scored his in consecutive tournaments and seems certain to qualify for the ranking later this year.

When he was seven, he was given his first chess set by his father, whom he was beating regularly within a year. He became an international master by the time he was 12.

He won the European under-14 championship at 12 and his father took him out of school and hired a tutor so that he could train with the Hungarian international master Tibor Karolyi.

According to Karolyi, the boy's main problem is laziness. Peter, however, insists that he works hard at the game. "I study or play chess six hours a day, six days a week," he said in a recent interview. "I was not born good at chess, it is just hard work, the way everything is."

His ambition is to become world champion by 1999, by which time he would be 19 and three years younger than Garry Kasparov when he become the youngest player to hold the title.

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Ex-envoy apologises to future

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY
AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

SIR Crispin Tickell, Britain's former ambassador at the United Nations, joined celebrities yesterday in signing a letter of apology to future generations for the harm done to the Earth.

The letter, with signatures worldwide, will be buried in a time capsule in Kew Gardens, southwest London, on June 5, 1994 — World Environment Day — and retrieved in 50 years.

In the letter, the signatories hope that posterity will question the need for the apology, but its tone is gloomy. It says that, by 2044, the world could be trying to "provide for more additional humans than the total now alive". Even if this population estimate proves exaggerated, the signatories fear that it will not be because of better education and family planning but because numbers will have been thinned by war, starvation and disease.

Sir Crispin, now warden of Green College, Oxford, was joined at the signing ceremony at the Royal Geographical Society by David Bellamy, the television naturalist, and Susan Hampshire, the actress.

The capsule and the letter are the brainchild of Professor John Guillebaud, a specialist on family planning and reproductive health. He said: "We hope that many similar capsules will be buried in other countries. People will not just be saying sorry but be pledging themselves to take action to save the planet."



Tickell: worried for future of mankind

Tory hopes of averting a rebellion rest with Lord Hesketh

Euro-sceptic is champion of Maastricht in the Lords

BY BRUCE ANDERSON

AFTER one of the most difficult weeks of his premiership, John Major faces a new hurdle. On Monday, the Maastricht debate moves to the House of Lords. But Lady Thatcher, Lords Tebbit, Bruce, Rees-Mogg and other right-wing critics face one obstacle that could prove fatal for their hopes of wrecking the bill.

It is a large obstacle: 18 stone and 6ft 4in to be precise, not including the buttonhole — the splendid figure of Alexander, Baron Hesketh, Captain of the Gentlemen at Arms and government chief whip in the House of Lords.

The irony is that Lord Hesketh, a rightwinger and Euro-sceptic, shares many of the rebels' anxieties. But he will approach the bill as a whip, and solely as a whip. His private doubts will remain private, just as they did over the leasehold reform measure which threatens the great aristocratic estates in London with confiscation. Like all whips, Lord Hesketh believes it his duty to deliver the business, unamended, in the minimum of time.

Lord Hesketh was brought into politics by formidable patrons. Willie Whitelaw and Lord Denham — his predecessor as chief whip — first spotted the young peer's potential and persuaded him to attend the House regularly. Margaret Thatcher became fond of him, as did Sir Charles Powell, who had considerable influence in her reshuffles. There was a period when Lord Hesketh seemed to be promoted every six months.

This came as a surprise to many of his friends, for the younger Hesketh had looked more at home in the Drones Club than on the government front bench. For a start, he had had hardly any education. He hated Ampleforth, his Catholic public school, where he became famous for his escape attempts. Even in an era of straitened pocket-money, the other boys were happy to subscribe their sixpences to the amusement value of a Hesketh escape fund. At the age of 15, he succeeded in remaining free for a week: he claims to have spent several days living on the Circle Line of the London Underground. His mother and the monks decided that he was incorrigible. He ended his education with fewer O levels than the prime minister.

As a young man, he went through an exuberant phase. He inherited a lot of money at the age of 21, and knew how to enjoy himself. There was a yacht in the Mediterranean, called *The Nefertiti*. If the name was a pun, it was an inaccurate one. There were the racing cars. With the aid of James Hunt, Lord Hesketh tried to win the Formula One world championship, achieving fourth place in 1975. In so doing, he convinced shrewd observers that he was more than a playboy. After one disappointing grand prix, he called the team together, and politely but firmly told them all what he thought they had done wrong. Then he paused: "Now I want all of you to tell me what I did wrong."

After deciding that he could not afford to stay in motor-racing, he set about developing the Hesketh motorcycle, one of the most glamorous, powerful and politically incorrect motorbikes ever created. It was a commercial failure.

But Lord Hesketh still had a substantial fortune, a magnificent estate and house, Easton Neston in Northamptonshire, and a taste for pleasure. It was only gradually that the serious side emerged.



Burying his doubts: Lord Hesketh shares many of the rebels' anxieties

Much of the credit for this goes to his wife Claire, nicknamed Bunky, whom he married in 1977. It was love at first sight and he pursued her across England and Africa. Initially dubious about this wild fellow, about whom everyone seemed to know extraordinary stories, she eventually succumbed. Claire Hesketh is not only beautiful and a wonderful hostess, but down to earth and tough. Not many people could control Alexander, but his wife can.

She displays the same sureness of touch with him as he does with the House of Lords. Those who do not understand the House assume that any Tory government has an easy time there, thanks to its inbuilt majority. Not so: many notionally Tory peers never attend, others feel it necessary to defend the House's reputation for independence and will only support the government if it can win the argument.

Just as much as Commons whips, Lord Hesketh has to cajole, persuade and appeal to loyalty. Unlike his Commons counterparts, however, he can not threaten and has few means to bribe.

It is lucky for John Major and Douglas Hurd that Lord Hesketh is now in charge of Maastricht. He instinctively understands the Lords, knowing when to wait and when to press. Over the next few weeks, he will pick the right moments to press hard on the government's behalf.

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Credo

Having faith in God's guidance

Christina Rees

In common with the Venerable George Austin, I believe that God guided the General Synod last November when it opened the way for women to become priests. However, we come to entirely different conclusions on the meaning and direction of God's guidance.

For me, the starting point is either that it is possible to be in dynamic relationship with God, or it is not. If it is, then, after prayerfully seeking God's guidance, it should be possible to discern that guidance. Further, if the process has taken years, and has involved many thousands of people with a broad range of theological insight and experience, then as far as one is able, one should have confidence in the substance of the guidance. Why is it, then, that those still opposed to women priests appear willing to entertain almost any explanation of why the vote went the way it did, except for the possibility that it might just have been the precise guidance for which so many have been praying?

Far from being insensitive and triumphalist, those in favour of women priests have been tiptoeing around their parishes for six months, bottling up their delight and quenching their joy out of deference to, and with charity towards, those upset by the decision, almost to the detriment of their own spiritual integrity. They are wondering when they will be allowed to rejoice.

In the Anglican communion, some churches ordain women and others do not. Yet. The trend is most definitely in the direction of allowing women to become priests. Either that trend is of God, or it is not. If it is not, then a great part of the Anglican communion (and other Christian churches as well) are wandering ever further from God's truth. I do not believe this to be the case.

George Austin refers to three means by which we can know God's will: scripture, tradition and reason. Scripture is, at best, silent on the issue. The difficult passages in the letters of Paul are difficult precisely because it is not possible to be absolutely certain of the context of his writings, and what he would have written had he lived today. To discern what Paul and, more importantly, God, would be saying to us now, we need the contemporary guidance of the Holy Spirit.

A burning question for the early church was: can the redeeming love of God as shown through Christ's life, death and resurrection really be intended for those outside the Jewish faith? Can the Gentiles, those unclean, lesser beings, really be worthy of God's love? Last November the burning question was: can the ordained priesthood include women?

Those opposed to women priests cry out that the church does not have the authority to decide on such a matter, but it is becoming increasingly obvious that there are other agendas at stake. Various interviews with those opposed to women priests reveal wildly inconsistent thinking and reasoning so convoluted as to defy logic.

And if these opponents think that the Church of England — whether that is the Archbishop of Canterbury, the entire House of Bishops, the synod, the Diocesan and Deanery synods, the people in the pews, or any or all of these put together — does not have the authority to decide to allow women to become priests, I have to ask: what are they doing in such a church?

If the spirit of God, despite being earnestly, persistently and humbly sought for many years on this subject, is unable to work or speak through the structure and people in the Church of England, then why belong to such a bereft body? For the sake of their souls, those who feel this way should leave, and leave us, the mindless majority, in hapless peace with our God-forsaken delusions.

Christina Rees is a lay member of the General Synod of the Church of England.

Teacher abused ex-pupil

A primary school head teacher was jailed for three years after he admitted indecent assault and gross indecency involving a former pupil.

Aylesbury Crown Court was told that Edward Hinchcliffe, 47, was head of Ruislip Garden Primary School, northwest London, when he began an 18-month sexual relationship with the boy which included spanking games and making indecent videos.

The relationship started when the boy was 15, after he suffered serious injuries in an accident and Hinchliffe, a widower with two sons, visited him in hospital.

Fake reference

Roger Adams, a clerk who got a job after faking a reference from 10 Downing Street, was put on probation for 18 months for obtaining money by deception. Feltham magistrates were told that Adams, 43, of Brentford, west London, had made 350 unsuccessful job applications.

Last flight

The bodies of eight servicemen killed when their RAF Hercules crashed in the Highlands were flown back to RAF Lyneham, Wiltshire. The ninth victim is being buried in Scotland today.

Chemical blast

Five people were taken to hospital after an explosion at a chemical factory in Swardeston, Norfolk. Police told families near by to stay inside to avoid toxic fumes.

Cell death

An enquiry has been launched into the death of a man in a cell at Battersea police station, south London. Police said the man had been drinking.

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Clash of princes ends Cambodia joy

Sihanouk dissolves day-old coalition

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PHNOM PENH

IN A drama worthy of Shakespeare but played out in the killing fields of Cambodia, a royal prince yesterday quarrelled with his son, renounced a government he had set up only hours before "to save the nation", and issued a warning of "bloody acts" to come. In terms of bathos, the mercurial Prince Norodom Sihanouk outdid himself this time.

The prince, 70, dissolved the coalition government he set up on Thursday linking the two parties that emerged as front runners in last week's UN-supervised election — the royalist Funcinpec, headed by his son Prince Norodom Ranariddh, and the ruling Cambodian People's Party (CPP), installed by Hanoi in 1979.

As a result, Cambodia was virtually without a government yesterday, with the new National Government of Cambodia (NGC) now biting the dust. The ensuing chaos prompted the UN Transitional Authority in Cambodia (Untac), which organised last week's successful elections, to step up security around the country, putting its troops on heightened alert; the UN commanders fear attacks not just from the Khmer Rouge but also from the armed forces of the now officially defunct Phnom Penh regime.

Prince Sihanouk's mistake, it seems, was that he did not consult his son, whose Funcinpec party has emerged a narrow winner in the election, against the entrenched People's Party. Under the new plan, Prince Sihanouk was to have been prime minister of a country to be called simply 'Cambodia', and Prince Ranariddh a vice-premier alongside Hun Sen, until this week the prime minister.

Not surprisingly, the thought of having a 50 per cent share in an administration with whom he has been at war for 13 years, and which he defeated in the election, did not appeal to Prince Ranariddh — who additionally fears assassination — and he demurred.

In a letter to Prince Ranariddh at his base in northwest Cambodia, Prince Sihanouk said "in renouncing the NGC, I leave CPP and Funcinpec to assume, each on its side, all responsibility for what might occur in terms of blood and tragedy to our unfortunate country and unlucky people."

The UN, which had earlier faintly praised Prince Sihanouk's new regime, responded by saying it greatly valued the prince's commitment to national reconciliation, and that he should be "at the centre of any transitional arrangements". The NGC lasted about five hours. Cambodians, after briefly rejoicing, are again sunk in gloom.

Prince Sihanouk, if the past is any precedent, is likely to mope like Hamlet within the yellow ochre walls of his sugarloaf palace here, then fly off to Peking or Pyongyang in a royal huff.



On their bike: four men on a motor cycle being searched at one of the checkpoints set up in Phnom Penh to prevent violence after it became clear that the ruling Cambodian People's Party had lost the election

Bolivian tycoon woos the Indian masses

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN HUATAJATA, BOLIVIA

To the accompaniment of Bolivian reed pipes and loud cheers, Gonzalo Sánchez de Lozada's campaign caravan rolled into this Indian fishing village on the banks of Lake Titicaca for one of the final rallies before tomorrow's general election.

Hundreds of Aymará Indians waving the flags of Señor Sánchez's National Revolutionary Movement packed into the town square to hear how Señor Sánchez plans to give them a voice in a "new Bolivia". He spoke of his ambitious plan to modernise the Bolivian economy and improve the living standards of Latin America's poorest country.

Bolivia's Indian peasants, who make up 60 per cent of the country's population, have been excluded from politics by a light-skinned ruling class. "We are proposing a revolution to return Bolivia to its people," Señor Sánchez told an enthusiastic crowd.

Señor Sánchez, 62, might seem an unlikely candidate for such changes. A self-made millionaire tin-mine owner, and one of the country's richest men, he lived in the United States until the age of 21 and speaks Spanish with what sounds like a parody of a gringo accent.

But standing next to him on a makeshift stage was his running mate, Victor Hugo Cárdenas, an Aymará Indian, who was born in a nearby village. If elected, he will become the first Indian to reach the office of vice-president in Bolivian history.

"Politicians are always offering us promises. But they forget us when they reach the palace," said Julio Huanapaca, a 46-year-old fisherman. "But Victor Hugo is one of us. With him we feel we are



waking up after 500 years of suffering," he said.

Señor Sánchez, who calls himself a liberal socialist, confidently predicts he will win the election. But he said he has had to overcome many obstacles. "Because of my wealth and my accent people see me as strange and distant."

Even his enemies recognise that Señor Sánchez runs Bolivia best administered company, a corporation of a dozen mines. In the last elections, in 1989, he ran for president and won 26 per cent of the vote, placing him first. But under the Bolivian electoral system if no party wins more than 50 per cent of the vote, it is parliament which decides the winner in August, after deals to see who can make the strongest pact.

So in 1989 Señor Sánchez had to give way to a coalition formed by General Hugo Banzer, a former military dictator and leader of the right-wing National Democratic Action party, and the Revolutionary Leftist Movement of Jaime Páz Zamora, the current president. General Banzer is running again at the head of a new coalition and the polls have him neck and neck with Señor Sánchez.

NEWS IN BRIEF

UK turned Hong Kong 'into arena'

Hong Kong: China's senior leader Deng Xiaoping has attacked Britain for turning Hong Kong into an arena for competing political forces before the British colony's return to Chinese sovereignty, the pro-Peking magazine *The Mirror* said yesterday.

Mr Deng said: "Some British politicians thought the international climate had changed. Thus, they decided to turn their back on the Joint Declaration and turn Hong Kong into an arena for rivalry and competition."

The magazine also said that North Korean troops had killed two Chinese soldiers and three civilians in 42 border clashes since January. *(AFP/AP)*

16 die in Natal

Durban: At least 16 people have been killed in incidents in Natal, including 11 people gunned down in attacks on black homes in the Mpedandapha area. Police did not know if the attacks were politically motivated. *(Reuter)*

Ban lifted

Delhi: A judicial tribunal has lifted the ban on the Bajrang Dal and Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, two Hindu groups outlawed after the razing of the Ayodhya mosque, but allowed that on the Vishwa Hindu Parishad. *(Reuter)*

Party formed

Colombo: Hema Premadasa, widow of the assassinated Sri Lankan president, is to launch Sucharitha Purawasi Peramuna (Citizen's Front) to carry out his populist programmes, a newspaper said. *(Reuter)*

Bribery claim

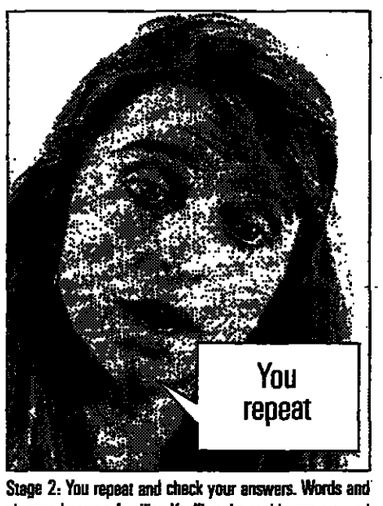
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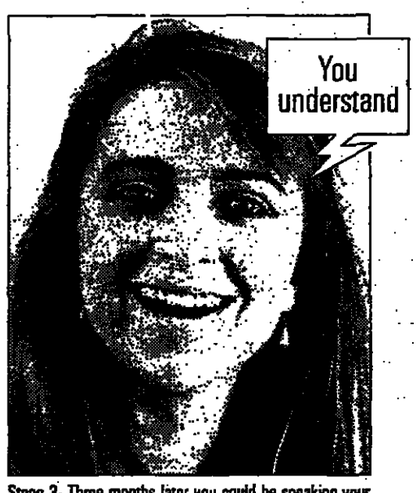
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FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

■ Dreamers fantasise about there being no Nixon, no Watergate. Twenty-five years later, debate still rages on how Robert Kennedy could have changed America

IT IS time to praise Senator Robert Kennedy and demythologise him.

America is marking the 25th anniversary of Kennedy's assassination with an outpouring of articles and television specials. President Clinton will speak at a memorial Mass tomorrow at Arlington cemetery outside Washington where Kennedy is buried. He was shot in the head by Sirhan Sirhan, a Jordanian immigrant, as he walked through the kitchen of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles a few minutes after midnight on June 5 1968. He died 25 hours later. He was 42 and had just won the Democratic presidential primary in California.

It was the end of an unfinished campaign. Yet a recurring tendency during this commemoration is towards an assumption that he would have gone on to the White House and the country would have been saved. This is hagiography, not history.

Victory was by no means assured for Kennedy. Within his own party he faced an uphill battle for the nomination against Vice-President Hubert Humphrey and the powerful Democratic Party apparatus controlled by President Johnson, whose loathing for Bobby had reached the level of no holds barred. Then, in the election, there would have been the formidable figure of Richard Nixon who went on to beat Humphrey by an eyelash in the popular vote. Yet the Kennedy dreamers still fantasise about there being no Nixon, no Watergate, and therefore no need for Carter, maybe not even for Reagan or Bush.

Even if Kennedy had won, he would have faced serious obstacles. As a Vietnam dove, he would have wielded far less leverage in peace negotiations with Hanoi than the hawkish Nixon, who resumed bombing North Vietnam and invaded Cambodia to force the communists to the bargaining table. On the domestic front, Kennedy would have struggled to govern. His commitment to civil rights had generated widespread hostility in the South. And how would he, a devout Roman Catholic, father of ten children with an eleventh on the way when he died, have coped with the controversy over abortion that became a dominant political issue within a few years of his death?

Nor was Kennedy a political saint. Indeed, he could be cold and ruthless. He promised Senator Eugene McCarthy that he would not compete for the presidency in 1968, yet he jumped into the race as soon as McCarthy had come within six points of defeating Johnson in the New Hampshire primary.

So what was it about Kennedy that caught the imagination, that drew mobbing crowds to his open convertible as he stood on the back seat using both arms to shake the forest of hands reaching up to him? An aggressive student shouted: "Does the name Kennedy help?" Kennedy gave a deadpan answer: "Maybe not as much as Robert." The surname was magic, of course, for those who wanted to resurrect the legend cut down nearly five years earlier by President Kennedy's murder in Dallas. On the night of Martin Luther King's murder, two months before his own, he strode into a black ghetto of Indianapolis against the advice of police and made an impromptu speech: "For those of you who are black and are tempted to be filled with hatred and distrust against all white people at the injustice of such an act, I can only say that I feel in my own heart the same kind of feeling. I had a member of my family killed. But we have to make an effort in the United States to understand, to go beyond these rather difficult times." The crowd went home quietly. Indianapolis, unlike many other cities, was spared a night of race rioting.

Kennedy was a mix of opposites, by turns shy and confident, abrupt and friendly, cautious and reckless, realist and idealist. But his courage was unalloyed.

In those days before candidates possessed Secret Service bodyguards, he was constantly in danger of an attempt on his life, yet he never allowed the risk to cut across his campaign appearances. He told me: "I have to show that I'm not scared, that I can go anywhere in this country, north or south, among rich and poor, black and white."

Although born to privilege, Kennedy was developing a persona to challenge the status quo of American politics on behalf of the afflicted to a degree unseen since the Civil War. His way may well have led to dreadful divisiveness or, given time, possibly coalesced into a new era of social justice.

Tragedy intervened and Robert Kennedy's ethos remains frozen in time.

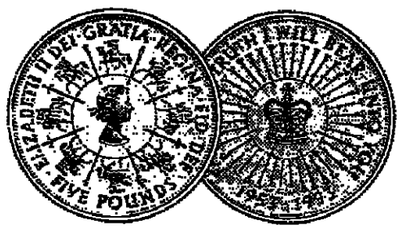


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Run-in to Canadian poll close

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

KIM Campbell, the woman who was runaway favourite to become Canada's first female prime minister when Brian Mulroney steps down next weekend, is suddenly in danger of being caught at the finishing post by a man who, at just 34, aspires to be Canada's youngest prime minister.

Polls show that one week before the ruling Progressive Conservative Party's leadership convention in Ottawa Jean Charest, the environment minister, has cut deep into the seemingly unassailable lead of Ms Campbell, the defence minister, and has momentum on his side.

The latest survey suggests that Ms Campbell is now supported by 46 per cent of the 3,800 delegates, Mr Charest by 41 per cent. Only three weeks ago Ms Campbell had 44 per cent of committed delegates and Mr Charest barely a quarter. If neither wins an outright majority next Sunday there would be a second ballot in which Mr Charest could expect to acquire much of the support of the eliminated candidates.

With the Conservatives facing a general election this autumn, the delegates are preoccupied with the candidates' "winnability", and on that score Mr Charest now leads. Another poll of the general public showed that the party would beat the opposition Liberals by five points with him as their leader, but lose by four under Ms Campbell.

When Mr Mulroney announced his resignation in February Ms Campbell, 46, a flamboyant Vancouver lawyer, looked so unstoppable that all her serious rivals save Mr Charest found pressing reasons not to run. But she has since failed to live up to impossibly high expectations, and Mr Charest has had the edge in televised debates.

Furore as radical is abandoned

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man of the Congressional Black Caucus which controls 40 crucial congressional votes, called it a "giant step backward" and said his group would have to "reassess and reevaluate its relationship and role with this administration".

The National Political Congress of Black Women called the decision "cowardly and wrong-headed". Jesse Jackson said it made the White House look "awfully weak and awfully incompetent" and accused Mr Clinton of lacking backbone. Roger Wilkins, a former justice department official and close friend of Ms Guinier's, said she had been "nibbled to death by cowardly, anonymous White House aides".

Mr Clinton said his meeting with Ms Guinier had been one of the most difficult of his life. He denied abandoning her because he feared defeat. Having finally studied her writings on Thursday he found he could not agree with all her views. He had concluded that proceeding with her nomination "would guarantee a bloody and divisive conflict over civil rights based on ideas that I, as president, could not defend". He knew his decision would upset black Americans but pledged to continue working, as he had for 20 years, for the cause of civil rights.

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Guinier: denied ever backing race quotas

US Catholic church markets the Pope

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

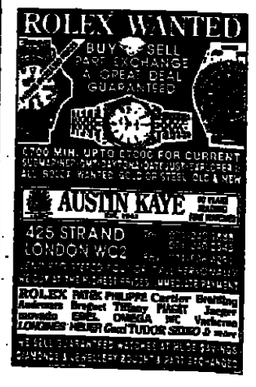
BREAKING with centuries of tradition, the Roman Catholic Church in America has struck a merchandising deal for the sale of souvenirs to help cover the cost of the Pope's visit to the World Youth Festival in Denver in August.

The decision to allow the marketing of papal paraphernalia has caused some concern among America's Catholics. But the "Mass marketing" of the souvenirs was apparently prompted by the exorbitant cost, estimated to be about $25 million (£16 million), of bringing 150,000 young Catholics and the Pope to Colorado.

The items, which will soon go on sale at shops throughout the country, include T-shirts, baseball caps, mugs, sunglasses and "Pope-Scopes" — mini-periscopes to enable those at the back of the crowd to see the pontiff. After some discussion, the idea of selling a "Pope on a Rope", a papal soap bar, was rejected by church organisers.

One T-shirt shows a cartoon of the Pope giving a "thumbs up" sign and the legend: "Most Excellence". The World Youth Festival has also developed its own logo and trade mark.

The souvenir deal was done with one of the largest merchandising firms in America, Famous Artists Merchandising Exchange (Fame). The precise money figures involved have not been made public. "We don't want to minimise the spirituality of this event," John Lemke, president of Fame, told *Fortune* magazine, "but the church had to do something to cover the costs".



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Egyptians foil Islamic plan for a wave of killings

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

EGYPT claimed yesterday to have foiled an Islamic plot to assassinate ten public figures and set off bombs in six squares in an attempt to cause a public uprising and destabilise the regime of President Mubarak during the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha.

Major General Hassan al-Alfi, the hardline interior minister, told the semi-official *al-Ahram* newspaper that 30 militant leaders and their aides had been arrested for planning the attacks. He said that large quantities of weapons, ammunition and explosives had been seized during raids on a number of flats in remote areas. Attacks were also planned at key economic installations and against the railways, which would have been crowded with holiday traffic.

Mr al-Alfi claimed the plan had been devised abroad by leaders who moved between Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran and the United States. He alleged that Shaikh Omar Abdel-Rahman, the blind Muslim cleric, whose followers have been accused of the World Trade Centre bombing in New York, and Muhammad Shawqi Islambuli, whose brother Khaled assassinated President Sadat, were among those behind the plot.

The minister did not name the figures targeted by the militants, all said to belong to el-Gamaa el-Islamiya (the Islamic Group) and al-Jihad (Holy War), which are fighting a bloody campaign to turn Egypt into an Iranian-style theocratic state. He gave unusual detail of the plan, which Western experts said was more comprehensive than any since the Islamic uprising in Assiut which followed Sadat's assassination in 1981.

The disclosures follow a warning by President Rafsanjani of Iran on Thursday that those governments which suppress Islamic movements would be toppled eventually. His comments were aimed particularly at Egypt and Algeria. "Those who today suppress the nations' Islamic revival, those who massacre their own people because of their support for Islam, those who accuse Muslims of having links with Iran ... are repeating the shah's experience," the president said in reference to the shah of Iran, toppled in 1979.

The publicity given to the latest plot to replace Mr Mubarak has increased unease among many middle and upper-class Egyptians. An increasing number are planning to buy a second home abroad and trying to transfer capital out of the country. Mr al-Alfi said a new security strategy has been drawn up to protect prominent figures, mosques, churches and key installations.

☐ **Tehran:** Iran yesterday marked the fourth anniversary of Ayatollah Khomeini's death by vowing to adhere to his revolutionary path and inflict "absolute defeat" on the United States.

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's spiritual leader, said in a sermon at Khomeini's tomb that America, which accuses Iran of supporting terrorists, was itself a sponsor of terrorism because it backed Israel, which he branded a "usurper and terrorist regime". *(Reuter)*



Class war: right-wingers at a Tel Aviv university who oppose quitting the Golan Heights calling on Yitzhak Rabin, the prime minister, to resign as he received an honorary degree. Their graduation hats read "Golan is in my head"

Yakuza warfare returns to Tokyo

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

IT COULD have been any Saturday night at the Ichijo nightclub in Tokyo's seedy Asakusa district. Purple neon striplights glowed through the smoky air. A couple of grizzled company executives set about their task of drinking away all memory of the past six days at the office, while a lonely "office lady" gyrated on the dance floor.

Last Saturday was different. Shiro Otani, a high-ranking gangster from the Masuya-kai, an 800-member Tokyo-based mob of *yakuza*, Japan's answer to the Mafia, joined a group of fellow *yakuza* in the club and quickly became involved in a heated dispute over who should succeed their "godfather" when he dies. After much drink and argument, Mr Otani, 51, went to the bathroom. On his return, he allegedly started shooting his fellow gangsters with a handgun. Keiichi Kikuchi, 69, and Masazumi Hayakawa, 66, were shot in the face and killed.

The incident has shocked a city that prides itself on a low crime rate and which has been free from *yakuza* warfare for the past couple of years, since a new code of "anti-gang laws" was introduced giving the police greater powers to crack down on Japan's 90,000-strong underworld. In theory, the gangs can now be designated criminal organisations if membership exceeds 1,000, of whom 42 or more are convicts or ex-convicts.

However, organised crime is, like almost everything else in Japan, organised well, and to date gangsters have maintained a relationship with the police that is, in the diplomats' favourite phrase, one of peaceful coexistence and mutual understanding. Last Friday Soyo Tsukase, the boss of a 4,000-member gang, held a press conference to declare the new laws "devoid of anything to protect human rights". He said: "We have our families and children. They would certainly face discrimination if we were designated members of organised crime syndicates." The *yakuza* seem to be making no attempt to stay out of the headlines. Last Sunday a *yakuza* underling, 24, jumped from his cinema seat wielding a knife and ran to the front of the auditorium to slash apart the cinema screen.

Bush death plot accused go on trial

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

THE trial opens in Kuwait today of 14 people, mainly Iraqis, accused of involvement in a plot ordered by the Baghdad regime to kill George Bush, the former American president, during his recent visit.

The Kuwaiti government claims that statements made by the accused show they were working on behalf of Iraqi intelligence. Baghdad denies this, saying Mr Bush was not worth the explosives.

If the men are found guilty, as many expect, it will pose a new dilemma for the Clinton administration. The White House will come under growing pressure at home to take some form of punitive action against President Saddam Hussein.

There have been conflicting signals from Washington about the administration's conviction that it was an officially inspired murder attempt. A car loaded with about 180lb in explosives was found in the group's possession when members were arrested around the time of Mr Bush's visit between April 14 and 16. Twelve of the 14 men face the death penalty if convicted.

Some hawkish politicians in Washington suggest that America should retaliate with new air strikes. However, Western observers in the Middle East caution that such action could enable Saddam to deflect growing popular discontent.

Recent Iraqi troop reinforcements close to the "haven" for 3.5 million Kurds in northern Iraq may also mean that Saddam will test the limits of the Clinton administration, bogged down as it is with Bosnia.



Abdel-Rahman: links to New York bombing

Yiddish shleps in from the cold

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

Yiddish, the colourful language that gave the world such linguistic gems as schlock, schmaltz and schmuck, is making a comeback in the one country that has consistently suppressed its use — Israel.

For the first time in decades, young Israelis, motivated by a mixture of nostalgia and curiosity, are rediscovering the rich cultural heritage of a tongue, which for a millennium was the lingua franca of European Jewry. "Israelis were always taught to believe that Yiddish was the language of the diaspora, which prepared the Jews to perish in the Holocaust, but that is not true," said Mendy Cahan, a self-styled Yiddish rap artist, who has launched a campaign to revive the language.

"Anyone who has studied Yiddish will appreciate the extraordinary wealth of Yiddish literature, films and theatre. Its rehabilitation is long overdue."

Although Jerusalem recently hosted Israel's first Yiddish film festival, which showed some of the hundreds of feature-length productions made in the 1920s and 1930s, the language has still not recovered from the effects of the Holocaust, which wiped out half the world's Yiddish-speaking population. The language did not fare any better in the postwar years. Stalin closed Yiddish schools and newspapers in the Soviet Union and arrested or executed leading Yiddish-speaking intellectuals. In the West the language dried up because of the assimilation of Jewish communities in America, Canada and Britain.

In Israel, Yiddish fell foul of the so-called "battle of the languages" when the early Zionists tried to eradicate rival languages, Yiddish and German among them, in their attempt to revive the use of Hebrew.

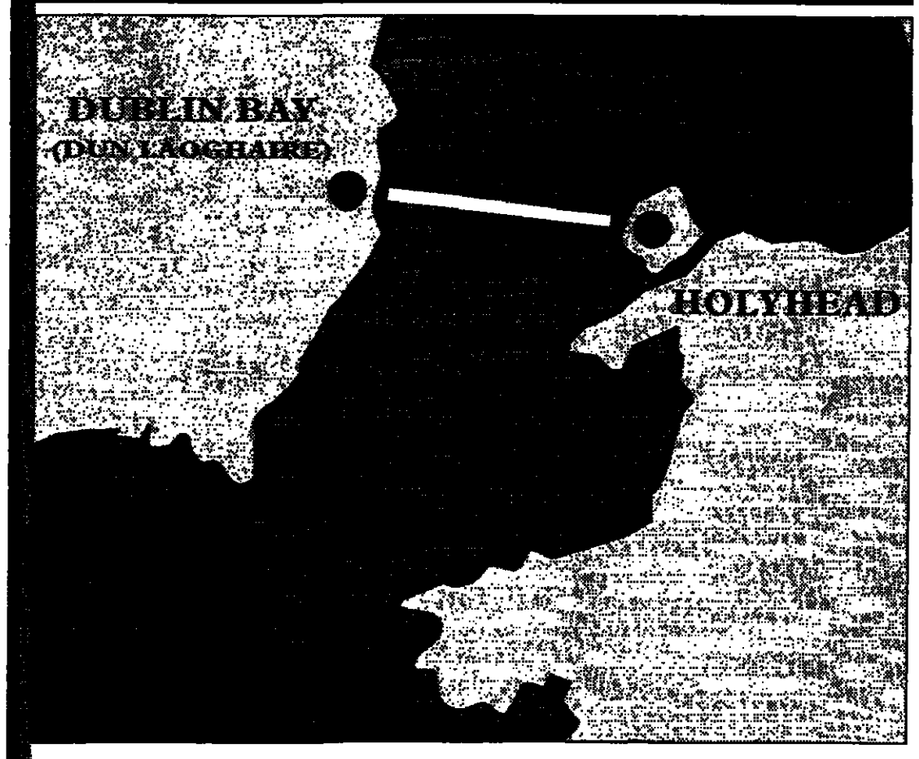
Professor Hava Turniansky, of the Hebrew University, says the language has lost its stigma, adding: "Yiddish is normally associated with the religious communities and *yeshivas* (Jewish seminaries), but today it has become almost trendy to study it."

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Spanish voters waver at crossroads in their cultural revolution



González: liked despite scandals in his party

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN MADRID

■ At least 10 per cent of Spain's electorate has yet to decide between a discredited party and an untried team. The king's role could prove decisive

AFTER eight weeks of campaigning and national soul-searching, the Spanish go to the polls tomorrow still uncertain whether they can bring themselves to abandon Felipe González, the apostle of Spain's rebirth, and install a conservative government led by a young newcomer.

As Señor González and José María Aznar, leader of the Popular Party, held emotional last rallies yesterday, opinion polls showed that more than 10 per cent of the electorate had yet to decide between the Socialist Workers' Party — the discredited devil they know — and an untried team which promises a breath of fresh air and economic revival but has not quite shaken off the ghosts of a sinister past.

No party is expected to win a majority for the first time since the Socialists swept to power in 1982, and King Juan Carlos could be called on to exercise fine judgment when he decides on whom to call to form a government. His first approach would probably be to the leader of the party which wins the biggest share of the 350-seat congress. The party will then try to negotiate with the Catalan and Basque nationalists, whose leaders have been flexing their muscles as they have toyed with the affections of the big parties over the past two weeks. The small, communist-led United Left, Spain's third political force, has been sidelined by its refusal to contemplate coalition and the heart attack which struck Julio Anguita, its leader, last week.

"It simply comes down to the Felipe factor," said *El Mundo*, whose pursuit of abuses of power and corruption in the Socialist party over the past two years helped spur Señor González to call early elections. After more than ten years in office, the prime minister is a battle-weary elder statesman, a survivor of the Thatcher-Reagan vintage, along with President Mitterrand of France and Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor. Like them, he is blamed for economic gloom, which in Spain includes 22 per cent unemployment and rising inflation.

But the prime minister remains the popular symbol of Spain's cultural revolution and leap to modernity of the 1980s, which culminated in the Olympic Games and the Expo World Fair last year. He has not been personally tainted by the scandals swirling around the barons of the Socialist party, a group which has succumbed to the prerogatives of power just as their French counterparts did.

Señor González, revived by his victory over Señor Aznar in their second television debate on Monday, promised yesterday that he would stay on the front line, whatever happens tomorrow. Before the election there had been speculation that he was eager to move on. He had allowed himself to lose touch in recent years as he focused on work, he said yesterday.

The campaign was marked by rhetoric of left versus right. It made little difference that the Socialists' centrist economic policies and the Popular Party's programme have little to distinguish them. Señor Aznar has been busy depicting Señor González as the last Socialist dinosaur, playing to Spain's sensitivity over its image abroad.

Standing in the bullring of Seville on Thursday, he proclaimed: "There is not a single government in Europe that wants Spain to go on being run by Socialists." He brought along Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, the former French president. His point was that the Socialist party has relegated itself to the same scrapyard as the French, Italian, Greek, British and, to a lesser extent, German socialists. For all his talk of Europe and Spain's recent enthusiasm for the European Community, Maastricht has merited hardly a mention in the campaign — a sign that the promised land has been obscured by the pain of the present slump.

As his chief weapon, Señor González has been invoking the ghost of Franco, painting the Popular Party as the yuppie version of *la Derecha*. The argument, however, has been wearing thin, given the 18 years which have passed since Franco's death. For a younger generation anguishing about jobs, thoughts of dictatorship come second to a desire for change. Twice as many university students plan to vote Popular than Socialist.

But there is little enthusiasm for Señor Aznar, 40, a reserved Castilian whose awkward manner contrasts with the seductive charm of the Andalusian Señor González, 51. "We all like Felipe but we need a change" was the consensus in a Barcelona student hall this week.

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US offers aid to head off Kiev's nuclear ambitions

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON AND ROBERT SEELY IN KIEV

AMERICA will offer political and economic incentives to try to quell a new determination by Ukraine to become a nuclear power.

Alarm bells were set off in Washington last night after the declaration by Leonid Kuchma, Ukraine's prime minister, that his government should keep most of the 1,800 Soviet-era warheads on its soil. Mr Kuchma's statement came after Ukraine's parliamentarians yesterday called for their government to declare the country a "temporary nuclear power".

During a second day of heated debate over Ukraine's intended nuclear status, the deputies rejected the request of President Kravchuk that the republic fulfil its pledge to ratify two key nuclear arms reduction treaties. "Ukraine is, de facto, already a nuclear state," Yuri Kostenko, the environment minister, said.

Washington's reaction to the debate was swift. Richard Boucher, State Department spokesman, replied that America regarded the situation with concern. The debate ended on the eve of the arrival in Kiev tomorrow of Les Aspin, the American defence secretary, and Strobe Talbott, President Clinton's special envoy for the former Soviet lands, with a package of proposals intended to persuade the Ukrainians to stick to their pledge a year ago in Lisbon to give up all their inherited nuclear weapons and put their nuclear arms factories under international safeguards.

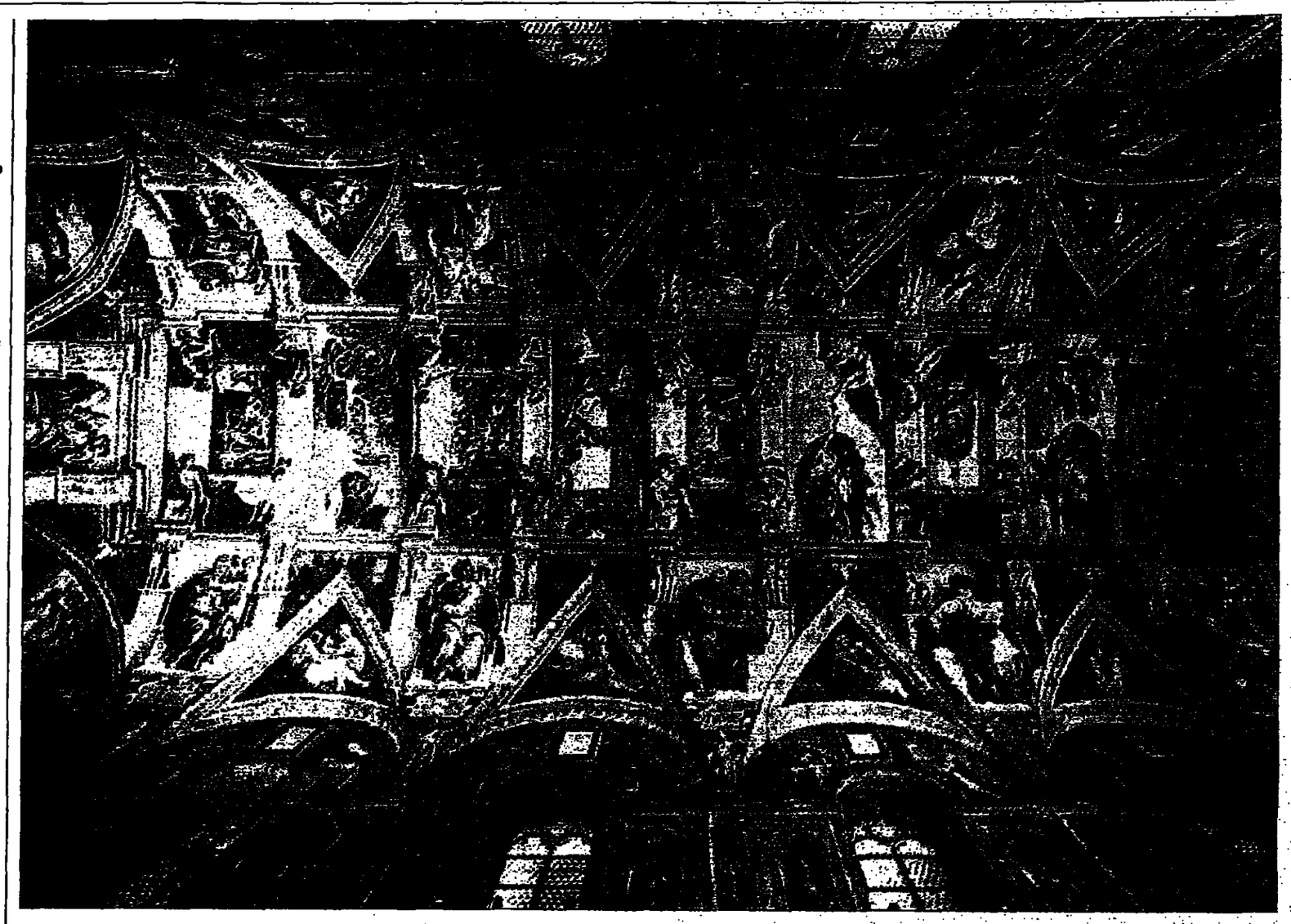
Since then, the Ukrainians have had second thoughts. They have decided that warheads give them both bargaining power with Washington and could provide protection should relations turn really sour with the Russians, who have occupied Ukraine for most of the last thousand years. For now, at least, the Ukrainians are not thought to be capable of launching the long-range weapons and cruise missiles which remain under the operational control of Russian generals in Moscow. However, Ukrainian ability to take operational control is considered only a matter of time by American intelligence analysts.

The weapons are proving to be most useful bargaining chips, as shown by the Aspin-Talbott visit, which will see the Clinton administration abandon a policy of trying to force the Ukrainians to give up the weapons under diplomatic pressure and replace it with an offer of a "defence partnership" in return for their co-operation.

While full details are still being worked out, the American package contains a promise to help Ukraine convert its military industries to civilian use. It also reiterates a pledge by George Bush to pay for dismantling Ukraine's nuclear weapons and a willingness to help resolve disputes between Moscow and Kiev.

The Ukrainians are likely to say it is not enough to convince them to give up all their weapons and to sign both the Start 1 and 2 treaties. They also want guarantees of American help if they come under Russian attack and economic aid on a scale to match the billions of dollars already promised to President Yeltsin by Mr Clinton.

Ukraine's refusal to sign the treaties has a knock-on effect of considerable ramifications for world security because both Washington and Moscow have said they will not fully honour the agreements until Kiev ratifies them. It does not help that Mr Kuchma, the man leading the Ukrainian intransigence, is a former director of a missile factory with a lifelong understanding of the benefits to Ukraine of joining the nuclear club.



Restored to glory: the newly cleaned and renovated ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, which includes such masterpieces as *The Creation of Adam*, *The Creation of Eve*, *The Temptation and Fall* (approximately in the centre) and *The Flood*. The Vatican yesterday unveiled a new £650,000 computerised air-conditioning and air-purification system to protect the chapel's frescoes by Michelangelo and other Renaissance masters (John Phillips writes). The new equipment was donated by Carrier Corporation, whose engineers spent three years adapting it to the special needs of the chapel. Two computers will ensure that the temperature remains stable at 25C (77F) day and night throughout the year. Visitors to the chapel are to be limited to 700 at a time to help ensure the constancy of temperature and humidity. Vatican experts said that smoke from candles and burning torches was the main cause of past damage to the frescoes. An investigation of modern risks to the priceless treasures found the main dangers to be from air pollution, fluctuations in temperature and humidity and the effects of the breath of the two million visitors who on average now visit the chapel every year. The new system functions through 75 electronic censors hidden throughout the chapel. In theory the chapel's 12 windows need never be opened again, so helping to safeguard the interior of the building from the pollution generated by motor traffic in the increasingly congested streets of Rome.

Minorities fear haunts Latvia poll

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN RIGA

WHEN Latvia goes to the polls tomorrow the world's media will be focused on one issue: the exclusion from the franchise of most of the republic's big Russian population.

This issue, however, distracts attention from the very considerable economic success of the outgoing Latvian government. In particular, it has introduced small-scale privatisation and brought inflation down from more than 50 per cent a month last year to less than 1 per cent today.

The effects of the financial discipline and austerity needed to achieve this have been felt above all by the Russian working class, whose factories are threatened with closure. On the other hand, the whole population of the country can hope to benefit from currency stability and increased Western investment, and this may help to keep the local Russians quiet.

A problem is that many Latvian politicians actively want the factories to close in order to force the Russians out of Latvia. Indeed, the main threat of unrest would come if the more radical nationalist parties prevailed tomorrow and tried to implement a programme of forcing Russians out by economic means.

Non-Latvians, most of them Russians, will make up about a fifth of the electorate tomorrow, but their ability to influence a future Latvian government is likely to be small since they are split between three main parties.

Anatol Lieven was The Times Baltic states' correspondent from 1990-92. His book, The Baltic Revolution: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and the Path to Independence, is published by Yale University Press this month.

UN backs defence of Muslim 'safe areas'

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

UNABLE to agree any other policy, the United Nations Security Council gave half-hearted approval last night to a much-criticised plan to defend Muslim "safe areas" in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

After two weeks of bickering, the European powers, with lukewarm support from Washington, overcame the opposition of developing countries and Bosnia's Muslim-led government to the main plank of the Joint Action Programme, adopted by Britain, France, Russia, Spain and the United States last month.

The 15-nation council voted 13-0, with Pakistan and Venezuela abstaining, to authorise the use of force, including air strikes, to protect Sarajevo and the Muslim enclaves around Tuzla, Bihac, Srebrenica, Gorazde and Bihac. The resolution asked Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, to report on how many of the 9,000 UN troops already in Bosnia can be redeployed to the "safe areas", and appealed to UN members to contribute additional peacekeepers.

But diplomats and UN officials have voiced serious doubts about the "safe areas" plan and the international community's readiness to implement it. A working paper presented last week by the UN secretariat said the plan was "virtually impossible to implement" unless there was already a ceasefire around the besieged Muslim enclaves.

☐ **Belgrade:** Serbian writers and intellectuals condemned the sacking of President Cosic and the arrest of Vuk Draskovic, the opposition leader, in statements critical of the government. Academics said the actions were "a flagrant violation of democracy".

Constitutional reform in Russia

Yeltsin takes fight to regions

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin takes his fight to rewrite Russia's Soviet-era constitution to a special assembly of regional leaders and social groups today. It is a move he hopes will strengthen his powers and allow the restructuring of the legislature, lessening its hold on government and ending its constitutionally enshrined role as the superior power in the land.

Mr Yeltsin's draft provides for the dissolution of the troublesome Congress of People's Deputies and powerful local soviets that have been reluctant to accept his reforms in favour of a modern federal structure headed by the president and his government with parliament in a consultative role.

Bolstered by the encouraging show of support he received in the April referendum, he appears confident that he now has the backing of most regional leaders for this most fundamental of reforms.

He is also intent on recapturing the authority lost through bruising encounters with the Congress during the past year. Hardline leaders vowed this week that they would fight "to the bitter end" to prevent him from pushing through the new constitution, with Aleksandr Rutskoi, the vice-president whose post would disappear if the reform is accepted, saying that the opposition had only a couple of months left to remove "economic criminals" from government.

Mr Yeltsin yesterday cancelled a scheduled meeting with Lloyd Bentsen, the American treasury secretary, in a move calculated to signal that he is putting domestic affairs before international dealings. A statement from his office said that he was engaged in "the most intensive preparation" for the assembly.

Consisting of almost 800 delegates from all over Russia, the assembly will convene in the Kremlin to discuss a draft document that would give the Russian leader powers akin to those of his US counterpart to appoint his own ministers and implement his own policies. In return, greater powers would be devolved from Moscow to the regions.

The risk is that provincial leaders, aware that the president is hostage to their approval, will seek to extract maximum benefits for themselves in terms of greater autonomy.

Four die in Chechen street battle

BY ANNE MCELVOY

AT LEAST four people were killed and several injured yesterday in the breakaway republic of Chechenia, after presidential riot squads stormed buildings held by opposition forces in the capital Grozny.

The clampdown by special units loyal to President Dudayev came after several weeks of political tension in the city, which is now partitioned on territorial lines between the two camps. About 500 anti-Dudayev supporters remain massed on the town's central square.

Street battles broke out in the early hours as the riot troops moved in with armoured personnel carriers to clear opposition protestors from the city council building.

A presidential spokesman said that there had been a "short but fierce clash" followed by four deaths, eight casualties and 60 arrests. The opposition claims that eight people died.

Chechenia, which declared independence from Russia after the collapse of the Soviet Union, has been embroiled in civil strife since President Dudayev dissolved the republic's parliament earlier this year after it criticised his rule. He sacked the entire government and replaced it with his own candidates.

On Thursday he also disbanded the constitutional court and accused it of "perverting the course of law". He also stripped Ruslan Khasbulatov, the Russian parliamentary speaker and a native Chechen, of his citizenship. This followed Mr Khasbulatov's comments that the republic had "fallen into the grip of a senseless and shameless witches' Sabbath".

Germans hear treacherous nun lament lost love

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

AN INTRIGUING tale of a fake priest, a treacherous nun and attentive lovers bearing roses is being spun in a Düsseldorf courtroom as German prosecutors investigate the secrets of the East's "Romeo" spies.

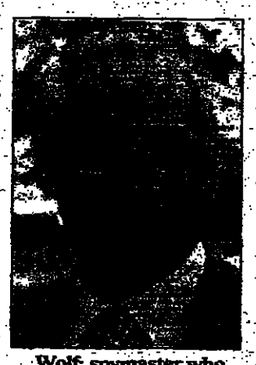
The trial of spymaster Markus Wolf — facing charges of treason after running dozens of agent networks in the West — has laid bare the cynical practices of one of the communist world's most successful espionage services.

A former East German theatre director, now 63, told the court how he posed as a Danish journalist to seduce a secretary working for Nato. The woman was a committed Roman Catholic but during a holiday in Vienna she fell in love with the man, who was acting on orders from General Wolf's headquarters in East Berlin. It was 1961 and the tension between the West and the Warsaw Pact was high; the KGB and the East German Stasi had placed a high priority on penetrating Nato. The woman co-operated and produced a flow of photocopied documents until she started having doubts.

According to the testimony in the courtroom this week, an agent was trained to pose as a priest and, warned of the woman's impending visit to church, slipped into the confession booth. The secrets poured out, the priest absolved her and she continued to spy for the East Germans.

The service seems to have targeted students who could later be positioned in ministries or research institutes. A 35-year-old woman, who had left religious orders after 15 years as a nun to study, was spotted by East German talent scouts. An agent, codenamed Cliff, offered to teach her French and turned up on her doorstep with a bouquet. He seduced the former nun and then steered her towards a job where she was required to photograph reports from West German embassies.

Most witnesses — seducers as well as seduced — have been shedding tears as they rake over their memories. Almost everybody is over 60 and the stories are as much of lost, regretted love as of treason. "I mourned Cliff for a long, long time," cried the former nun-turned-agent.



Wolf: spymaster who faces treason charges

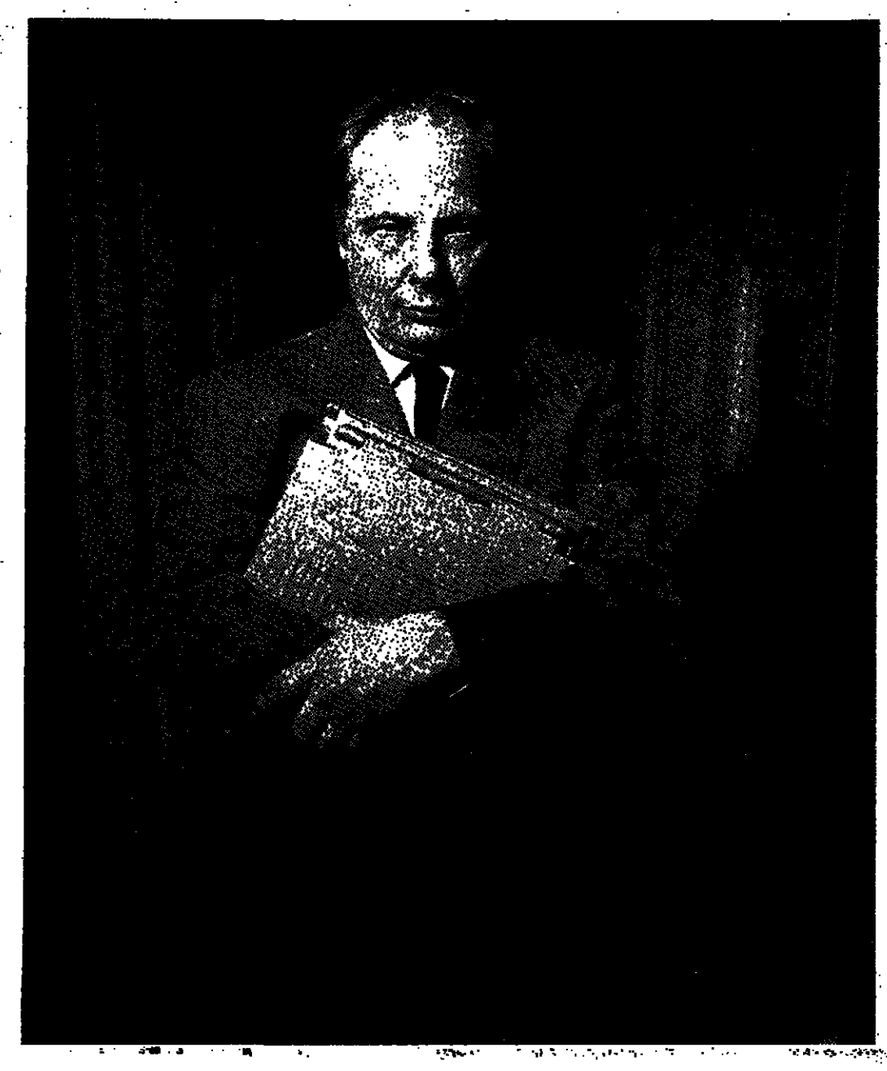
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Alexander Chancellor in New York



■ What can BT possibly have to offer the all-singing, all-dancing American phone system?

British Telecom's gigantic investment in the American telephone company MCI has been heralded here as a great leap forward for the US telecommunications industry. It will help turn the world into a village, the experts say, enabling multinational corporations to establish global telephone links by dealing with only one telephone company.

This is the latest in a series of domestic and international company linkups which are intended, in due course, to bring some mind-boggling results, such as introducing up to 500 television channels into one's home by sending them along the telephone wire. (I favour this last development, not because I want to watch 500 channels, but because some unneighbourly person in my small apartment building keeps secretly disconnecting my cable from a terminal on the roof, and substituting a cable of his own, which means that for most of the time I can watch no television at all.)

I am trying to be excited about the deal, and to feel proud that a British company should acquire such a big stake in American telecommunication, but I am finding this a little difficult.

For one thing, I can't help suspecting that British Telecom must be ripping off its customers if it can fork out $4.3 billion, just like that, to invest over here. But more to the point, if there is one good reason for coming to live in the United States, it is to get away from British Telecom.

Perhaps I should be reassured by a claim in *The New York Times* that "residential customers within the United States are not likely to be affected by the deal, since it is aimed at international business traffic". But the very thought that British Telecom might be bringing its expertise to bear on the American telephone system fills me with alarm.

"If it's not bust, don't fix it," goes an admirable American saying, and the American phone system is most decidedly not bust. It is, on the contrary, a miracle of efficiency. I don't think I have ever had a wrong number since I came to live in New York. I don't believe that any call I have made has ever failed to connect, unless, of course, the line is busy.

Even busy lines are hard to come by, thanks to a device known as "call waiting" which, by means of a bleep, lets a subscriber know that someone else is calling when he is using the telephone, and allows him to put his existing call on hold while he finds out what the new caller wants. (I used to object to the "call waiting" system until one day, when I was engaged in a long conversation, I was interrupted by the occupant of the flat below me to be told that my bath was overflowing and causing a flood in her kitchen. I have been a staunch supporter ever since.)

Then there is the wonder of directory enquiries. The efficiency of this service has to be experienced to be believed. I swear that the call is sometimes answered by an operator before it has even rung, though how this is possible, I cannot say. Often, within only two or three seconds of one asking for a telephone number, a robotic voice is uttering it down the line. The only time that the operators waste is in telling you their names, but this kind of pseudo-personalisation has become a feature of every American service, and grows steadily as the number of actual people involved falls: the computer behind bank cash-dispensers now tells you, in the first person, how happy it is to be serving you.

There is perhaps just one thing I would criticise about the American phone system (although in fact it's not the fault of the system itself), and this is the scarcity of human beings at the end of the line. Not only is there a growing tendency for telephone subscribers to screen incoming calls through answering machines and "voicemail" systems, but it is extremely difficult to get to talk to any employee of, say, a bank or a railway company or even a cinema. The people in such organisations have been replaced by elaborate computer systems, which will tell you almost anything you want to know if you press the right buttons.

> The occupant below me interrupted my call to say that my bath was overflowing

You can, for example, purchase a cinema ticket on the phone by punching in the relevant numbers, including the number of your credit card, and then go and extract the ticket from a machine at the cinema without coming into contact at any point with a human being. This can make one feel a little lonely and out of touch.

But that hardly qualifies as a complaint, given the overall splendour of the system. There is so much to admire about it, even the telephone books. The Yellow Pages for Manhattan are a kind of encyclopaedia of the city, containing, among much else, colour maps and diagrams of subway and bus routes, the city's airports and even the seating arrangements of the main theatres and concert halls.

Will all these wonders survive the arrival of British Telecom? Will calls still be answered instantaneously by courteous operators? Will the person who answers the phone still always be the person you dialled? I can only pray so.

Governments should heed the opinion polls — but not too much, says **Robert Rhodes James**

Popularity is a fickle mistress in politics

Harold Wilson has related a meeting with President Johnson in the White House when LBJ suddenly leant forward and asked: "Have you seen the Poles?" Wilson was baffled: he had not flown to Washington to discuss Poland. Then it dawned upon him: Johnson was talking about the *polls*, with which he was obsessed. Good polls elated him to the point of arrogance: bad ones plunged him into melancholy, and played a part in his decision not to run again for the presidency.

Harold Macmillan fretted in his diary about the poll ratings of his government and himself, but it was a series of dreadful by-elections that forced him into his worst error, the infamous "night of the long knives", and it was illness that precipitated his resignation a year later. There is no evidence that Margaret Thatcher was much affected by published polls until general elections loomed (our private polls were another matter). Wilson was certainly strongly influenced by them, when, disastrously for Labour, he called the 1970 general election, the greatest humiliation for British pollsters before 1992.

One of the greatest problems facing a politician is how to assess what "public opinion" really is. He cannot judge it from his constituency postbag; people contented with their lot rarely write to say so. The newspapers, with their ephemeral dramas and whims, are an unreliable guide, as are local election results and even by-elections. When I held Cambridge in 1976 with a majority of nearly 10,000, the experts calculated that a similar "swing" in a general election would decimate the Labour party; what had really happened was that a large number of disgruntled Labour voters had stayed at home.

There are politicians, like LBJ, who treat the opinion polls very seriously, others who consider them as only part of the picture, and those who are deeply sceptical of them, as I have been since 1970. We were told that polling has become highly sophisticated, and, by implication, virtually infallible, with the lessons of 1970 being thoroughly assimilated and fed into the computers. And then came the 1992 general election.

In 1945, hardly anyone, and certainly neither Churchill nor Attlee, took at all seriously the projection by Gallup of a Labour victory. This subsequently gave to Gallup an almost mythical reputation for accuracy, it being forgotten that 1945 was unique in that there was no electoral register and there was a vast vote from servicemen overseas whom Gallup could not possibly have polled. Then Gallup got the 1948 US presidential election spectacularly wrong — as did the press and the pundits. So much for "political science".

Overworked ministers are especially badly equipped to judge political tides. Inevitably, they get to their constituencies much less than backbenchers, and their official travels and party speeches do not give them much real indication. They are greeted either with deference or with organised abuse, neither or which can be considered accurate guides.

But there can be a compromise between the massive disdain of Arthur Balfour for newspapers (he once memorably rebuked Churchill, an avid newspaper reader and self-publicist, saying he saw no point in "rummaging an immense rubbish heap on the problematical chance of discovering a cigar end") and becoming so dominated by them they, rather than ministers, seem to be writing the political agenda.

The first politician fully to understand the power of the press was Palmerston, who in effect had his own popular newspaper and, anonymously, wrote its fierce leading articles. Disraeli, also a natural journalist, took great care to cultivate the press, and especially the Editor of *The Times*. So did Lord Randolph Churchill, said to be the first politician to issue the texts of his speeches in advance, but his exclusive leak to *The Times* of his letter threatening resignation in December 1886 was a catastrophic miscalculation. Lord Salisbury, who knew his man, had expected this sensational disclosure, immediately accepted his resignation, and calmly continued what was to be a long stint as prime minister.

Almost all politicians — being as a breed exceptionally thin-skinned, insecure, ambitious and sensitive — want to be popular. There are dangers in this, but as Douglas Hurd remarked in *An End To Promises*, politics is to a large extent *about* popularity, a point lost on his then chief, Edward Heath, who took the sternly old-fashioned view that doing the right thing was what mattered, and that the popularity, if any, could come later.

The "personalisation" of prime ministers and American presidents is nothing new. But today the arc-lights are more numerous and more intense. There is little hard evidence that people take their politics from their newspapers, or even from television: what becomes worrying is when politicians give the media an excessive importance and begin believing in the opinion polls.

Conservatives should take all the current manifestations of the government's unpopularity very seriously, but they should also remember that political tides do change, often remarkably quickly, and that newspaper editors and journalists themselves are often equally puzzled by what "public opinion" really is — and that *their* standing in public esteem is not all that high either.

Ministers and Tory backbenchers should heed the immortal naval advice to the party, when things were equally dire, of Rear Admiral Sir Morgan Giles, MP: "Pro bono publico, no bloody panico."

Could do better, can do better

Let him have men about him who can fight: then John Major can show his mettle

TOM BISHOP



Self-effacing: John Major must learn how to make departments tremble, as Mrs Thatcher used to

Simon Jenkins

June is the cruellest month in politics. Holidays are far off. Ministers are demoralised by local election defeats, spending rows, fag-ends of bills and drunken late-night conspiracies. The City of London advises "Sell in May and go away". At Westminster, the denizens are trapped. They go a little mad, put on dark glasses and breed rebellion.

This month is exactly 25 years since the last outbreak of pygmy syndrome. In June 1968, Fleet Street decided that Harold Wilson was finished and should go. Gallup gave his government a mere 28 per cent support. Cecil King wrote in the *Daily Mirror* that "enough is enough". A coalition of great and good was put up to "save the nation", with Mountbatten proposed as prime minister. Wilson fought three more elections and won two of them.

Pygmy syndrome is back. Greying heads gaze across the political landscape and see only dwarfs. The heir to the throne, the prime minister, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the England football captain: pygmies all. Where are the giants of yesteryear? How does young John Major dare to be prime minister? Neither born great nor great in achievement, he deters greatness like a repelling magnet. So say the critics.

I cannot decide whether the attacks on Mr Major are rooted in his true predicament or in deeper resentment that one of modest talent should have progressed so far. Mr Major is what he always was, product of the internal chemistry of a political club, the parliamentary Tories, reeling from the Thatcher leadership bloodbath. He was an Attlee, an able chairman of committee, not a Duke of Omnium. When John Major puts his ear to the ground, he does not hear the distant hoofbeats of the horse of history. He hears only the soft rumble of a bowler at the crease.

Democracies these days are tough on their leaders. But shooting generals does not win wars. Mr Major certainly has a deal of trouble ahead of him. He hyped and then lost the Newbury by-election and will probably lose Christchurch too. But governments always lose by-elections. Prime ministers always trail in opinion polls during troughs in the economic and electoral cycle. Disposing of Norman Lamont was bound to be painful and undignified. But beyond that we have only the usual June U-turns, a nasty spending round, a still hesitant recovery. What is new? Leaders are rarely popular, but the best time to be unpopular is a year into a parliament.

Let us flip the coin a minute. Mr Major has no devaluation crisis, no poll tax or Westland. He has manoeuvred himself out of the European Monetary System, through the Commons ratification of Maastricht and away from a Bosnian war. With a majority of 20, these were not the feats of a pygmy. To be sure, the pundits can pore over the almanac and find "no previous case of a leader recovering from 21 per cent popularity". But politics is thick with the corpses of pundits. There is always a new record to be broken. As far as I am concerned, a Tory leadership that could recover from the horrors of 1981, 1985-6 and 1991 can recover from May 1993, if it tries. Journalists may worship at the shrine of knocking copy. But they owe some allegiance to the goddess of balance.

John Major will never have charisma, but he is capable of technical competence in government. He can at least be ready to capitalise on economic recovery. He has at last crafted the senior team he should have installed a year ago. Kenneth Clarke, Douglas Hurd, Michael Heseltine and Michael Howard are a quartet as sound as any leader could want.

The danger for Mr Major is that these talents are individual rather than collective. The cabinet is less than the sum of its parts. It lacks depth, largely because Mr Major is a poor sacker and draws talent from too small a pool. Few of his ministers are likely to grow in their jobs. In particular, Mr Major urgently needs a couple of semi-detached street fighters of the stamp of Lord Tebbit or Lord Parkinson, henchmen to do nasty things in the dark alleys of Westminster and the BBC. Lord Archer and Sir Norman Fowler may be agreeably Pickwickian over a late-night whisky, but dogs do not whimper at their approach.

The cabinet machine is in need of running repairs too. This spring's debilitating U-turns — on rail privatisation, school testing, criminal justice, VAT on fuel, small post offices — were not products of cruel circumstance. Lord Wakeham's home affairs committee is being blamed by ministers and officials for that curse of government, indecision. It does not properly resolve last minute hitches, block the Treasury or polish final presentation. Decisions are referred up to Downing Street, which means delay, leak and climbdown. The tight teamwork seen during the Maastricht negotiations and over Bosnia is absent on the home front.

This might be less serious were Mr Major's office of more diverse mettle. In the days of Margaret Thatcher, the sight of No 10 notepaper was enough to send an electric charge through any department. Downing Street aides such as Clive Whitmore, Charles Powell and Bernard Ingham were plenipotentiary and lethal. Mr Major's consultative, even reflective, style is well-tuned to avoiding great errors (such as poll tax), but it lacks wattage.

The prime minister's executive circle is of unprecedented narrowness. The triumvirate of press secretary (Gus O'Donnell), head of private office (Alex Allan) and cabinet secretary (Sir Robin Butler) all come from the same department, the Treasury. Like the prime minister himself, they have no political experience outside that enclave of self-righteousness. The Treasury, and especially its public expenditure division, is to this government what Oxford used to be. Treasury responses flow through every Downing Street vein, cautious and controlled, short-term, never extravagant. They are those of a culture used to chipping away at the ambitions of others and never answering for the consequence. Every judgment is safe, every job secure (even after Black Wednesday). Everybody is sensitive, everybody is nice, everybody in Downing Street is a little like John Major.

This homogeneity is simply dangerous. Downing Street is customarily the battlefield where policy is tested close to destruction before being announced. It should be a well-run rough-house. Mr Major's office is not rough. As a result, policy is test-marketed on the public. This undermines Downing Street's authority. The prime minister is made to seem vulnerable to media and parliamentary duress.

These weaknesses are not, I believe, rooted in John Major's character. They are mechanical faults and are curable. But the spanner needs to be taken not just to his colleagues but to his courtiers. Prime ministers rarely find that easy.

Shrinking violets

JOHN MAJOR'S rallying call to the party faithful yesterday does not, sadly, appear to have whipped up much enthusiasm among potential candidates for the Christchurch by-election. While the prime minister was telling the Tory women's conference that he had spent his post-reshuffle week planting delphiniums, heavyweights on the Tory candidates' list were trying desperately to distance themselves from Christchurch.

With the Newbury débâcle very much in mind, the candidates are understandably fearful. Former ministers such as Christopher Chope refuse to throw their hats into the ring for fear of ruining their political reputations for good. After Newbury, where the candidate Julian Davidson was dubbed Mr Blobby, the devoutly Thatcherite Chope seemed ideal because, despite losing his Southampton seat last year, he still lives in the area. However, he wisely turned down the chance of an interview for Newbury and he seems happy to wait for Tory fortunes to improve.

John Maples, the former Treasury minister, who was pipped at the post in the Newbury selection contest, is also said to be reluctant. And although Colin Moynihan, the former sports minister, and Nicholas Bennett, the right-wing former junior Welsh minister, are being touted, neither are political heavyweights.

"We are really worried. After Newbury, the best known candidates have run for cover," says an apparatchik at Central Office. "The word is that the local party is likely to choose a local person." With a penchant for delphiniums presumably.

Full of bad cheer

JOHN EDMONDS, the trade union leader, is not alone in expressing his dismay at John Smith's style of leadership. Two thirds of Scottish Labour MPs are boycotting a "champagne socialism" dinner which Smith is addressing tomorrow. The MPs believe that Labour could do without the £100-a-head dinner at the Hospitality Inn in Glasgow, a city where Militant is thriving as poverty increases.

In his post-prandial speech, Smith will launch Agenda 1996, designed to raise up to £10,000 cash for the party's campaigning and membership drive.

Tam Dalyell, one of the best known Scottish Labour MPs, plans to avoid the event at all costs: "It embarrasses me. I am going to my surgery shortly where some of those people are suffering real hardship." He and his wife are giving their £200, instead, to the local Labour party.



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● *It is not only the cost of their political reputation that worries the Tory party candidates. There is also the spiralling financial cost of remaining on the candidates' list. All 600 candidates have just received a letter demanding a large increase in their annual subscription to £147. Central Office has yet to receive their replies.*

Hot watershed

EMBOLDENED by its explicit serialisation of *Lady Chatterley's Lover*, which begins tomorrow, the BBC has just commissioned an adaptation of one of Britain's best-known homosexual novel *The Swimming Pool Library*, by Alan Hollinghurst.

Playwright Kevin Elyot is working on the text and, if accepted, it could be screened in a year's time. Hollinghurst's publisher, Penguin's Ravi Mirchandani, warns that viewers could well be shocked. "I welcome it from the political viewpoint. But there is a sex scene in a gentlemen's club which is important for the book which they couldn't possibly include, before or after the watershed. However they treat it, they will get flak."

● *Alan Clark may have been more than happy to take £200,000 from Associated Newspapers for the serialisation of his memoirs. But he has a far from flattering view of Lord (Vere) Rothermere, the proprietor, who writes the cheques. Tucked away on page 284 of* Diaries *is a less than flattering reference to Rothermere which the editor of the* Mail on Sunday *chose not to include in his serialisation. Referring to newspaper tycoons, Clark writes: "Some, like Vere, are just thick."*

Rights, wrongs

BETTY MAXWELL is not exactly courting popularity among Mirror Group pensioners. Last November they were infuriated when she received an estimated £100,000 advance from Pan Macmillan for her memoirs, *A Mind of my Own*. Last month they were even more incensed by news that she was pressing for an annual pension of £311,000 from the Mirror Group. Now she has managed to sell the serial rights for the memoirs to a major Sunday newspaper for more than £50,000.

Mirror pensioners are resigned to the situation, says Ken Trench, chairman of the Maxwell Pensioners Action Group: "If she wants to make money out of other people's sadness, that's her decision," he says.

"I do feel sorry for Mrs Maxwell but to me, widows who don't know where their pensions will come from are more deserving."





Polishing the halo?

It is a murky world, public relations, but can it really have come to this? Max Clifford (*above*), the man who brought David Mellor's toe-sucking antics to the attention of the world, is being credited with creating Princess Diana's increasingly saintly image.

Despite speculation that Margaret Thatcher's former image consultant Sir Gordon Reece has been advising the princess, public relations sources insist that Clifford has been applying some touches too. It is, one admits, an unlikely union, but then Clifford has in the past pulled triumphs out of the most unlikely situations.

If Diana is retaining his services, she follows in the notable footsteps of Derek Hatton, Pamella Bordes and, of course, Antonia de Sancha. But Clifford is surprisingly reticent on the issue.

"She is obviously being advised very well by someone. She's now becoming a little bit more serious and whoever is doing her PR is doing a wonderful job," he concedes with a wry smile.

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THE LEADING ISSUE

The prime minister spoke widely but not well

John Major took no chances on his day down among the Tory women. He supported the Queen; he attacked the press; and, by doing both within the space of a few minutes, he won enthusiastic applause.

When a Tory prime minister is in trouble he rarely goes wrong by urging the monarchy's continuation and excoriating newspapers. Yesterday was merely the latest proof of that rule. The bulk of Mr Major's speech to the National Conservative Women's Conference, billed as a fighting response to adverse polls and waspish colleagues, was met with mechanical claps and silence. But by acclaiming the virtues of the First Estate and damning the evils of the Fourth, the harassed representative of the Third Estate forged a path towards approval.

It was approval that he badly needed. The morning news had brought a Gallup poll for *The Daily Telegraph* showing the prime minister to be the most unpopular occupant of his office since records began. Not even Margaret Thatcher after the poll tax, Harold Wilson after devaluation, Jim Callaghan, Anthony Eden or Clement Attlee had ever fallen so low in public esteem. *The Telegraph* trumpeted the news — unnecessarily loudly it must have seemed. In *The Times* there had been reports during the week of Tory losses at Lloyd's, Lord Rees-Mogg's call for his resignation and his own personal gloom at the manner in which the reshuffle had been received. In almost every section of the press there had been threats of revelation and revolt from dismissed ministers.

The polling numbers from Gallup thus fell upon upon a mind already made nervous by a botched reshuffle, a faltering recovery and a growing sense that his colleagues were placing personal advancement above party unity. The prime minister approached the podium in the knowledge that a run-of-the-processor speech about education, crime and conservative values was now one that everyone would notice.

The text, it turned out, was in many respects admirable. Its content was what the audience wanted to hear. Mr Major backed testing in schools, individual responsibility for crime and the setting of long-term public spending priorities. As we argued yesterday, the chief job of the prime minister and his new Chancellor is to show that cuts in public spending are required in order to protect the weakest and most needy of the future; they are not a means to pay for past mistakes. Mr Major made a useful beginning on that important journey of persuasion.

The message of anger against head teachers was clear too. Mr Major produced his personal list of preferred jargon for schools, beginning with discipline and dates, ending with marks and manners. Good manners were needed from heads too, he added, backing the education secretary John Patten whose doubts about head teachers's commitment to testing of pupils were so raucously proved right this week.

There were also strong attacks on bureaucrats in Brussels — even if these sat ill with his simultaneous claim that fears of federalism bore no relation to "the realities of life in the European Community today". Purveyors of video-screen violence received their ritual roasting. His audience may not have believed all his ambitious claims. But most of the right words were there.

What was not there was that spark of rhetorical life that a politician deploys to link himself to his audience, both his immediate hearers in the hall and the wider constituency outside. There was still only half a sense of a leader determined to lead.

This "leadership issue" has become a dangerous subject for political discussion, encouraging, as it does, more than the usual amount of speculation and subjective assessment about stamina and will. *The Times* has played some part in promoting and reporting such discussions over the past weeks and months. *The Times* was changing, Mr Major complained in his speech: its mutability, he suggested, should be contrasted with his own personal constancy. We accept the comparison. Strength is not to be confused with refusal to change. *The Times* has long supported strong conservative government. Perhaps Mr Major will now provide it.

SPAIN'S HANGOVER

To be a conservative in Spain is suddenly respectable

Spain's prime minister for the past 11 years, Felipe González, might even envy John Major his problems. Although his personal popularity still comfortably exceeds both that of Mr Major and, by a narrower margin, the appeal of his chief opponent in tomorrow's general elections, the Popular Party's José María Aznar, *Felipismo*, once Spain's passport to modernity, is severely tarnished by scandals about illegal party financing, political corruption and a savage recession which is costing 3,000 jobs a day. According to unreliable official statistics, nearly 22 per cent of Spain's workforce is on the dole. Britain's economic recovery may be modest but Spain faces a formidable and probably prolonged time of reckoning.

The government's austerity programme in mid-recession — a programme driven by a soaring budget deficit and by Señor González' obsession with meeting the targets for European Monetary Union — has sharp disputes in his ranks between modernisers and traditional socialists. Popular support for the party has been falling so fast that Señor González gambled on early elections not in the hope of another outright majority but in the conviction that waiting until the autumn might mean political eclipse.

Spanish voters approach the voting booths somewhat as a man with a sickening hangover would head for an early dental appointment. Spain could even be about to see the first peaceful transfer of power from left to right and with that, the confirmation of its democratic maturity. But with the two main parties running each other close, a hung parliament in which the Catalan and Basque parties hold the balance is more likely.

The winner will have a tough road ahead even without the complications of coalition government. Rain has poured on Spain from what seemed, only 12 months ago, a nearly cloudless sky. El '92 was party year, crowning a frenzied decade of "catching up" with modern Europe with the 500th anniversary of the founding of the Spanish empire, the Seville World's Fair, the Barcelona Olympics and Spain's proud hosting of the Middle East peace talks and Latin American summit. But the bills were starting to come in even before the party ended and today, the country sees itself as still poor and relatively undeveloped by comparison with its neighbours and, worse still, as once again falling behind.

Señor González dismisses Spain's problems either as a temporary blip or as those of Europe, writ large. He can point in his defence to the OECD's latest economic projections, which predict unemployment rising in the European Community to 11.9 per cent in 1994 with growth of only 1.8 per cent. Señor Aznar retorts that his government, which overshot public spending targets by up to 60 per cent in three of the past four years, has been irresponsibly profligate.

The PP's charge that socialism is dying of arrogance, corruption and inefficiency sticks. The government failed, during Spain's booming 1980s, to undertake the reforms — beginning with privatisation and tackling the rigidities of the labour laws and union power — needed to turn Spain into a competitive market economy. The sense of opportunities lost is Señor Aznar's strongest card. That, and the sense that for the first time in generations, to be a conservative in Spain is suddenly respectable. This election has finally laid Franco's ghost.

REINVENTING SPORT

England no longer needs a national game

Since the sack of Iona in 795, the British have always found Viking routs difficult to stomach. But England's defeat at the hands of the Norwegian football team this week did more than stir up old resentment. By seriously reducing the team's chances of qualifying for next year's World Cup, it showed the English up at what they insist on calling their "national game".

In the 130 years since the Football Association was founded, soccer has becoming a defining part of English identity, one of the psychological stakes which mark out the blessed plot. To the Napoleonic charge that England is a nation of shopkeepers it can be replied that it is also a land of football heroes. Stanley Matthews, Bobby Moore, the Charltons: all have achieved a global fame of which most British politicians can only dream. When England's claim to footballing greatness unravels, so does its pride.

Yet the very term "national game" seems increasingly anachronistic. Far fewer Britons play football now than take part in cycling, swimming, snooker, darts or keep-fit classes. In 1971, when the glow of England's 1966 World Cup victory had not yet faded, more than 28,000,000 people went to football matches in England and Wales; 20 years later that figure had fallen by 10 million. The hostility to competitive team sport in comprehensive schools has not helped.

The English, in any case, are fickle in their choice of "national sport". When the Grand National ended in disaster earlier this year, horse racing briefly became a metaphor for the nation's fortunes. Should England's campaign for the Ashes come to grief this summer, the same jeremiads will be pronounced regarding the health of the nation and Ted Dexter's head demanded in much the same way that Graham Taylor's has been called for this week.

But the truth is that the English are far better at inventing games than at playing them. Greater recognition is surely due to the Lancashire carpenter who founded the modern game of darts in 1896; to William Webb Ellis who shocked Rugby schoolboys by picking up the ball during a game of football; and to Colonel Sir Neville Chamberlain who invented snooker 118 years ago. Such moments of inspiration cannot compare with the adrenalin of the fast wicket or the penalty spot. But, despondent once again at the failure of its athletes, England should not forget these original sporting heroes who realised that the true national game is not kicking a ball but dreaming up new ways of doing so.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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A key decision for British chess

From Mr Bruce Birchall

Sir, The prospect of the British Chess Federation recognising the forthcoming Kasparov-Short match as an opportunity to promote chess in this country remains tantalisingly out of reach. Dangled before the federation's eyes is the fruit of recognition: publicity, growth of interest, income and activity. But it has failed to grasp the fruit because that would involve grasping a number of nettles.

On April 24 the BCF's governing council answered yes, by a large majority of the 40 or so members attending, to the question I put to them: "Shall we use the stimulus of the match to popularise and develop chess in this country?" This the BCF management board will not do — an act of mutiny against its constitutional duty to promote chess in Britain. The argument hinges on who it is thought is meant by "we" — the BCF or its individual members.

Is a once-a-century opportunity to promote the game to pass us by? Yes, it will, if the present leadership is allowed to continue to steer its own course, unchecked by the democratic process.

An extraordinary meeting of the BCF council should now be called to discuss not *whether* but *how* we popularise and develop chess. However, such a meeting can be called only if sufficient counties and unions write to request it.

As one of the five direct members' delegates to the council, I urge the counties and unions to weigh "rocking the boat" against the fact that the ship is out of control. Equally clearly, a democratic and activist slate of candidates for BCF office must emerge, to replace the present leadership at the elections due at the September council meeting.

Yours etc,
BRUCE BIRCHALL,
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June 3.

Lloyd's losses

From Mrs Sheila Glaser

Sir, As one of the beleaguered names referred to at the Lloyd's Albert Hall meeting last week as "the tribe who will not lie down" ("Ruined names vent their anger", report, Business, May 26), I feel empathy with Mr Major's Lloyd's loss-making colleagues.

Peter Middleton, Lloyd's chief executive, has confirmed that there will be no different treatment of names because of status, political or otherwise. But what of Conservative Central Office? Will it give an assurance that these distressed MPs will not be bailed out from central funds to avoid any bankruptcies, the loss of seats and the embarrassment to the government that might flow from several by-elections?

Some might say that there is the precedent of Treasury funds having been used to help an embarrassed ex-Chancellor, and we all know what happened thereafter.

Yours etc,
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Cobbetts Hill, Weybridge, Surrey.
June 1.

From the Editor of the
Digest of Lloyd's News

Sir, You report (June 1) a Lloyd's name's "official average" investment per syndicate as being £25,000. This figure is then used to calculate MPs' average losses.

The actual average of any syndicate is easily calculated by dividing the number of its names into its underwriting resources. Taking the three syndicates (847, 540 and 290) mentioned with regard to Mr David Tredinnick, MP, the actual average investments are £17,178, £24,847 and £22,212 respectively.

Yours faithfully,
OLIVER CARRUTHERS, Editor,
Digest of Lloyd's News,
Wheatsheaf House,
Carmelite Street, EC4.

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Record bargains

From Dr H. Alwyn C. McKay

Sir, What W. H. East (letter, May 26) says about the relative costs of records and compact discs is right. However, the cost of a recorded symphony fell considerably in real terms between his chosen date of 1945 and the 1960s, in which decade I bought six Haydn symphonies on LPs for about £3, i.e., for well below £10 per symphony in today's pounds.

This is far less than Mr East's projected figure of £120 per symphony on a CD, based on the cost of 78s in 1945, and puts an entirely different complexion on the current cost of CDs.

To be fair, most symphonies took three or four (not six as Mr East says) 12in 78s, reducing his comparative figure to £60 or £80 per symphony.

Yours faithfully,
H. A. C. McKAY,
Suilven, 3 Grange Close,
Goring, Reading, Berkshire.

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Happy, hopeful days of 40 years ago

From Mrs Anne Barnard

Sir, I do get tired of hearing of the 1950s and their "drabness in everything" (leading article, "Forty years on", May 31). I was in my thirties then, and I and my contemporaries felt the utter bliss of the end of the war.

Many of us had survived being in war zones or lying awake through air-raids (incidentally I was born during one in 1917), and were busy buying houses, bringing up families and feeling great relief and hope for the future.

The rationing was unimportant, after the war-time shortages, and cars and foreign holidays were quite widely available.

I worked abroad, 1948-9, and came back to teach in a working-class area where, to my surprise, I found nearly all the children had TV at home. The rich had it next, then the middle classes and, lastly, the "intellectuals".

Yes, we worried about nuclear missiles, and crisis after crisis, but the war was over!

Yours faithfully,
ANNE BARNARD,
104 Salmon Street, NW9.
June 1.

From Sir James Cable

Sir, I hope you will buttress the cheerful message of your leader, that life is better today, with some facts and figures. I suggest the comparative statistics (1953 and 1992) for armed robbery, bombs in British cities, child murder and rape, divorce, employment, the British fraction of world industrial output, growth in British GDP, house-building, illegitimacy and as far down the alphabet as you can bear to go.

I know statistics are not everything, but they begin to explain why I wish we could all go back to 1953 and start again — this time on an *upward* path.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES CABLE,
8 Essex Close, Cambridge.

From Mr L. K. Flint

Sir, Forty years ago it was far safer than it is today to walk the streets. My fellow men seemed more honest and honourable.

Most families had two parents, with most mothers at home when the children returned from school. Schoolgirl pregnancies were practically unknown.

Children read books instead of being glued to video nasties. All the eight-year-old C-stream children whom I taught could read and spell words which today baffle many school-leavers.

I visited Paris, my first overseas journey, on a bank holiday without fear of being stranded by a strike. One could travel from Leeds to London by rail for the day at a cost of one guinea and return by the last train from King's Cross without any fear of being mugged on the Tube.

A final bonus: we did not seem to be so encumbered with various commissions so wasteful of public money and intrusive into both public and private life.

Yours faithfully,
L. K. FLINT,
240 Harrogate Road,
Leeds, West Yorkshire.
May 31.

From Mr Godfrey Pickles

Sir, Your retrospect on the beginnings of the New Elizabethan Age maintains that "Nobody in his or her right mind would want to revert to 1953", listing among the deprivations of those days "ceilings on talent, and poverty of expectation, its drabness in everything from clothes ... to restaurants".

For a real sense of *déjà vu* in the 1990s try joining the many thousands who are redundant and over 40.

Yours sincerely,
GODFREY PICKLES,
Well Cottage, Higher Ansty,
Nr Dorchester, Dorset.
May 31.

The reshuffle and the 'rattlesnakes'

From Mr Tim Rathbone, MP for Lewes (Conservative)

Sir, David Hart is in error in stating ("Or is it a death rattle?", June 3) that "the time of the rattlesnakes began with the destruction of Margaret Thatcher". In truth the rattlesnakes began before her election as Conservative leader. The claims of Tina ("there is no alternative") or "not one of us" divided the party. The divide was intensified by the lobbying activities of such as the right-wing 92 Group in their fight for party positions and government appointments.

Just as John Major is overcoming successfully the problem of inflation and is committed to tackling high government spending, both inherited from the Thatcher years, he must now bridge party division. Rattlesnakes are part of that problem, but not new.

They started in the 1970s, leading to Ted Heath's leadership defeat, and continued through the trendy 1980s, even though they couldn't save Margaret Thatcher. Unlike her, John Major has the ability and the inclination to extract their fangs and cut off their rattles. For good of country as well as party he must succeed.

Yours truly,
TIM RATHBONE,
House of Commons.
June 3.

From Miss Mary Russell

Sir, I am shocked and saddened by the sacking of Norman Lamont. Until now I have had great faith in John Major's political judgment, which took him to Number 10 and delivered him a general election victory against all the odds. Now I fear he has lost this sensitivity, and been led astray by pressure from the media and some Cabinet ministers.

By replacing Norman Lamont with Kenneth Clarke John Major has laid himself open to a leadership challenge by Clarke, supported by Fowler. I expect that by this action John Major has signed his own political death warrant.

Yours faithfully,
MARY RUSSELL,
Morley Retreat House,
Church Lane, Morley, Derby.
June 3.

From Mr C. W. Eckhardt

Sir, Last-minute tactical rethink a failure. Team lacks purpose, cohesion, leadership. Sack manager. Major must go now.

Yours faithfully,
C. W. ECKHARDT,
65 Thorne Road,
Doncaster, South Yorkshire.
June 3.

Rebuff to SAAF

From Sir Ian Lloyd

Sir, Few decisions would have caused as much dismay and sadness amongst South Africans who served in the South African Air Force in 1939-45 as that revealed in the letter from the five marshals of the RAF (May 31), namely that the SAAF has been excluded from the 75th celebrations of the Royal Air Force.

As one who had the privilege of serving in the SAAF during the second world war and the RAFVR for some years subsequently, I write to endorse the marshals' letter and to express the hope that this miserably petty and wholly inappropriate decision will be reversed forthwith.

Those responsible for it appear to be unaware of the fact that the only visible distinction between the two air forces, who trained, flew, fought and died together, was the colour of their uniforms and the differences in their ranking systems.

There was, however, one important if invisible distinction, though it made no difference whatever at the time to the many bonds of friendship formed between us. Every one of us who served, and especially those who died, as did virtually half my school friends and many I had taught to fly in both services, was a volunteer.

Without exception these were young men who played no part in the subsequent political developments which tarnished the reputation of South Africa, from which it is now painfully recovering.

They deserve better. This decision is offensive to veterans of both air forces and does nothing to advance any perceptible interest of either country.

Yours faithfully,
IAN LLOYD,
Bakers House,
Priors Dean,
Petersfield, Hampshire.
June 1.

From Commander T. V. G. Binney, RN (retd)

Sir, May I add to the eloquent plea of the five marshals of the Royal Air Force a reminder that in Korea, also, the South African Air Force played a prominent part.

In that war most of the British air effort was provided by the Fleet Air Arm of the Royal Navy. When periodically disembarked in Japan we were sometimes fortunate enough to meet the SAAF pilots and even, if very lucky, to get hold of one of their Mustangs. The Australians too were there in their Meteors.

The FCO sometimes seems to live in its own rarified airspace. The advice I received when, as an attaché in Lisbon in the 1970s, I was faced each year with a Rhodesian diplomat wearing a poppy on Remembrance Day, was "to ignore him".

Yours faithfully,
GILES BINNEY,
Oak Down, Lower Durford Wood,
Petersfield, Hampshire.
June 1.

From Mr W. H. O'Neil

Sir, One of the top-scoring Allied fighter pilots in the second world war was Squadron Leader Pat Pattle, RAF — born in South Africa. Marshal of the RAF Lord Cameron, who flew with Pattle in the Western Desert, described him to me as "probably the best fighter pilot in our air history".

If he had survived he presumably would not have been invited to the celebrations.

Perhaps somewhere he and "Sailor" Malan find it all very silly.

Yours faithfully,
W. H. O'NEIL
(Ex-Western Desert Company,
Air Formation Signals),
10 Osborne Court,
Ewell Road,
Surbiton, Surrey.
May 31.

Alternative sites for Raleigh statue

From Norroy and Ulster King of Arms

Sir, I agree with Lord St John of Fawsley's opinion that the statue of Sir Walter Raleigh should find a new home (letter, May 28). He lists some attractive offers that the Royal Fine Art Commission has received, but may I suggest another possibility.

It would be an imaginative gesture and one that I know would be vastly appreciated if the statue were offered to the city of Manteo, founded as the city of Raleigh, on Roanoke Island in North Carolina.

In 1584 Walter Raleigh was granted a charter by Queen Elizabeth authorising him to establish a colony in America (I paraphrase). In 1587 the "Cittie of Ralegh in Virginia" was incorporated and John White was made governor and 12 assistants were nominated. These and the proposed city were granted arms by William Dethick, Garter King of Arms, probably in the same year.

White and his colonists arrived on Roanoke Island in July 1587 and he returned to England shortly afterwards for supplies, but because of the threat of the Spanish invasion he did not return until 1590, by which time the colonists had disappeared without trace, save for the word "Croatoan" carved on a tree.

I have recently returned from attending a symposium, called "Roanoke Decoded", for we are still trying to discover what happened to "the lost colony" and to determine the origins of John White.

I know, from my many visits to Manteo, fast becoming a major tourist attraction, that the people of Roanoke Island, who are great anglophiles, would enormously appreciate it if Raleigh's statue could adorn one of the beautiful and historic sites on the island.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
J. P. BROOKE-LITTLE,
Norroy and Ulster King of Arms,
The College of Arms,
Queen Victoria Street, EC4.
May 28.

From Mr Leslie Jerman

Sir, Before the statue of Sir Walter Raleigh was unveiled in Whitehall, on October 28, 1959, the National Society of Non-Smokers, of which I was chairman, suggested it should be sited in Kew Gardens, since Raleigh was credited with introducing smoking to the court.

In view of the fact that hundreds of thousands of smokers had died of lung cancer, we thought tobacco should be regarded only as a dangerous botanical curiosity. At that time we were jeered at for making the suggestion.

While the unveiling ceremony was being carried out by the US ambassador, Mr John Hay Whitney, the Reverend Hubert Little, secretary of the National Society of Non-Smokers, intervened.

He carried a banner bearing anti-tobacco slogans and a picure of a yellow-faced 40-a-day smoker, and distributed pamphlets entitled "Don't make an ash of yourself". He was arrested, but later released.

He was astonished some time later to receive an invitation to a Buckingham Palace garden party with his wife. Several similar invitations followed in subsequent years. Regrettably, royal warrants of appointment for the supply of cigarettes to the royal household are still handed out.

I think we should again consider moving Raleigh to Kew, preferably on a site well screened by trees.

And am, yours sincerely,
LESLIE JERMAN,
Rushbrooke, Coppice Row,
Theydon Bois, Epping, Essex.
June 1.

From Mr Christopher J. Hales

Sir, Apart from wondering why it was considered appropriate to place the new large statue of Field Marshal Viscount Alanbrooke so close to the smaller one of Sir Walter Raleigh, the simple fact is that Sir Walter is one of the greatest Englishmen there have ever been and his statue deserves to remain on its present site.

This is particularly so since the site is called Raleigh Green and is the supposed site of his execution. Is Sir Walter's presence to be executed a second time?

The new statue of Alanbrooke, in its different style and scale, in some ways serves to emphasise the fine and elegant dignity of Sir Walter's statue. If there is any doubt in this matter, surely the answer is to replace his statue with a larger one, on its present site.

Yours sincerely,
CHRISTOPHER J. HALES,
4 Churchfields,
Greenwich, SE10.
May 30.

Happy landings

From Mr Gary Bullard

Sir, As we came in to land at Heathrow today, during the British Airways one-day strike, our stewardess announced: "For those of you who are returning to England, welcome back. For those of you with onward connecting flights, we wish you a pleasant stay."

Yours faithfully,
GARY BULLARD,
1 Riverview Mansions,
East Twickenham, Middlesex.
June 4.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 3: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by His Excellency Sir Wiwa Korowi (Governor-General of Papua New Guinea) at the Requiem Mass for Sir Serei Eri (formerly Governor-General of Papua New Guinea) which was held in Hohola Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Port Moresby, this morning.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 4: The Queen this morning arrived at Winchester Railway Station and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Hampshire (Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James Scott, Bt).

Her Majesty, Colonel-in-Chief, Adjutant General's Corps, drove to Worthy Down and was received by the Colonel Commandant (Lieutenant-General Sir Jeremy Mackenzie) and Major General Robin Grist (Director General).

Following a Royal Salute, The Queen inspected the Quarter Guard and unveiled a commemorative plaque to mark the reopening of The Princess Royal's Memorial Rose Garden.

Her Majesty visited the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess and afterwards honoured the Colonel Commandant with her presence at Luncheon in the Officers' Mess.

The Queen this afternoon attended the Corps Day Garden Party and addressed the Corps and families.

The Duchess of Gloucester and The Duchess of Kent (Deputy Colonels-in-Chief) were also present.

Lady Abel Smith, the Rt Hon Sir Robert Fellowes, Major James Patrick, Miss Suzanne Marland and Mrs Colin Marsh were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this morning visited Komori (UK) Limited, Kirkstall Road, Leeds, and was received by Mr David Fearnley (Vice-Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire).

His Royal Highness later visited The Prince Philip Centre, Potternewton.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, afterwards opened the Leeds Permanent Building Society Corporate Centre, Leeds.

Wing Commander Christopher Moran, RAF, was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, Trustee of the Council, this evening attended the 1993 St George's House Annual Lecture, St George's Chapel, Windsor, the Royal County of Berkshire.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 4: The Princess Royal this morning attended the official opening of a Special European Community Customs Day of Sport, Aldershot Military Stadium, and was received by General Sir David Fraser (Vice-Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire).

Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, this afternoon attended a reception and luncheon, Cathedral School, Salisbury, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Wiltshire (Field Marshal Sir Roland Gibbs).

The Princess Royal later attended a meeting of the Advisory Council for Green College, Radcliffe Observatory, Woodstock Road, Oxford, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Oxfordshire (Sir Ashley Ponsonby, Bt).

The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
June 4: The Prince of Wales today visited Derbyshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant (Colonel Peter Hilton).

His Royal Highness this morning visited the Rosehill Business Centre and Rolls-Royce, Derby.

The Prince of Wales this afternoon visited Toyota Motor Manufacturing (UK) Limited, Burnaston.

Mr Hugh Merrill was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
June 4: The Duke of Kent, Visitor, today opened the new library at the Cranfield Institute of Technology, Cranfield, Bedfordshire and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Bedfordshire (Mr Samuel Whitbread).

Commander Roger Walker, RN, was in attendance.

Weekend birthdays

TODAY: Miss Moira Anderson, singer, 53; Viscount Cobham, 50; Miss Elizabeth Curnow, QC, 58; Mr A.R. Dawson, rugby player, 61; Miss B.E. de Cardi, archaeologist, 79; Sir John Dellow, former deputy commissioner, Metropolitan Police, 62; Miss Margaret Drabble, author, 54; Mr Robert Drayson, former headmaster, Stowe School, 74; the Earl of Dundee, 44; Mr D.A. East, former chief constable, South Wales Constabulary, 57; Professor C.M. Fletcher, physician, 82; Miss Elizabeth Gloster, QC, 44; Mr David Hare, playwright, 46; Sir Jack Jacob, QC, former Senior Master of the Supreme Court, Queen's Bench Division, 85; Mr Neil Milligan, trades unionist, 67; Mr Phil Neale, cricketer, 42; Professor Sir Rudolf Peierls, physicist, 86; Miss Margaret Rawlings, actress, 87; Mr Nigel Rees, author, 49; Mrs Elizabeth Shaw, secretary and executive director, Charity Commission, 47; Mr Richard Stone, portrait painter, 42; Sir Arthur Vick, former vice-chancellor, Queen's University of Belfast, 82; Dr L.L. Ware, founder, Mensa, 78; Vice-Admiral Sir Barry Wilson, 57.



Billie Whitelaw, the actress, is 61 tomorrow

TOMORROW: Sir Derek Alun-Jones, company director, 60; Sir Isaiah Berlin, OM, former president, British Academy, 84; Professor B. Bleaney, physicist, 78; Mr David Blunkett, MP, 46; Mr Bjorn Borg, tennis player, 37; Lord Carrington, KG, CH, 74; Mr David Chipp, former editor-in-chief, Press Association, 66; Dame Ninette de Valois, OM, CH, founder, Royal Ballet, 95; the Earl of Dunmore, 80; Mr Mike Gatting, cricketer, 36; Mr Iain Hamilton, composer, 71; Professor R.A. Humphreys, Latin-American historian, 86; Mr J. Kay-Mouat, President of the States, Alderney, 60; Lord Kings Norton, 91; Mr Willie-John McBride, rugby player, 53; Sir Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, former MP, 62; the Marquess of Milford Haven, 32; Sir Douglas Morpeth, chartered accountant, 69; Sir Bryan Nicholson, former chairman, Post Office, 61; Lord Nugent of Guildford, 86; Air Marshal Sir Charles Pringle, 74; Dr Ruth Sanger, haematologist, 75; Lord Stodart of Leaston, 77; Mr Klaus Tennstedt, conductor, 67; Mr Frank Tyson, cricketer, 63; Sir Donald Wilson, chairman, West Midlands Regional Health Authority, 71.

Dinners

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host at a dinner held last night at 10 Downing Street in honour of Lord Deedes. The guests were:
Mr Tim Yeo, MP, the Hon Michael Trend, MP, Mr Max Hastings, the Hon Jeremy Deedes, Mr Christopher Hudson, Ms Veronic Wadley, Ms Hilary Alexander, Ms Anne Allport, the Hon Sarah Hogg and Mr Gus O'Donnell.

Lord Thomson of Monifieth, KT
Professor Joao de Deus Pinheiro, European Commissioner for Information and Communications Policy, was the guest of honour and speaker at a dinner given by Lord Thomson of Monifieth, KT, last night at the Palace of Westminster to mark the tenth anniversary of the European Institute for the Media. Dr Francisco Pinto Balsemao, chairman, Sir Frank Roberts, European Cultural Foundation, Dr Hans-Gerd Prodoehl of the State Chancellery of North-Rhine Westphalia, Dr Ronald Brierley, Manchester University, and Professor George Wedell also spoke.

Marriage

Professor J. Stevens Curl and Professor S.D. Iwaniec
The marriage between James Stevens Curl and Stanislawa Dorota Iwaniec has taken place.

Anniversaries

Today
BIRTHS: Adam Smith, political economist, Kirkcaldy, Fife, 1723; Frederick Tennyson, poet, Louth, 1807; Pancho Villa, revolutionary, San Juan del Rio, 1878; John Maynard Keynes, economist, Cambridge, 1883; Dame Ivy Compton-Burnett, novelist, Pinner, Middlesex, 1884; Roy Thomson, 1st Baron Thomson of Fleet, newspaper proprietor, Toronto, 1894; Federico Garcia Lorca, dramatist and poet, Fuente Vaqueros, Spain, 1898.
DEATHS: Orlando Gibbons, musician, Canterbury, 1625; Giovanni Paisiello, composer, Naples, 1816; Carl von Weber, composer, London, 1826; Horatio Herbert Kitchener, Earl Kitchener, field marshal, lost at sea on HMS *Hampshire* off Orkney, 1916; Georges Feydeau, dramatist, Paris, 1921; W.T. Tilden, Wimbledon and American tennis champion, Hollywood, 1953.
The invention of the balloon by the Montgolfier brothers at Annonay, France, 1783.
The beginning of the six-day war in the Middle East, 1967.
Senator Robert Kennedy, American Attorney-General, was shot by a Jordanian Arab in Los Angeles; he died the following day, 1968.

Tomorrow
BIRTHS: Velázquez, painter, Seville, 1599; Pierre Corneille, dramatist, Rouen, 1606; Alexander Pushkin, writer, Moscow, 1799; Robert Falcon Scott, Antarctic explorer, Devonport, 1868; Thomas Mann, novelist, Lübeck, Germany, 1875; William Cosgrave, President of the Irish Free State 1912-32, Dublin, 1880.
DEATHS: George Anson, Baron Anson, admiral and navigator, Moor Park, Hertfordshire, 1762; Patrick Henry, American statesman, Red Hill, Charlotte County, Virginia, 1799; Henry Grattan, Irish patriot, London, 1820; Jeremy Bentham, philosopher, London, 1831; Count Camillo di Cavour, Italian patriot, Turin, 1861; Sir John Macdonald, Prime Minister of Canada 1867-73 and 1878-91, Ottawa, 1891; Sir Henry Coward, musician, Sheffield, 1944; Gerhart Hauptmann, dramatist, Nobel laureate 1912, Agnetendorf, Germany, 1946; Carl Gustav Jung, psychologist, Zurich, 1961.
The first public museum, the Ashmolean, was opened by Elias Ashmole, Oxford, 1683.
Gatwick Airport opened, 1936.
D-Day, when Allied troops landed in Normandy, 1944.

Service dinners

HMS Collingwood
Vice-Admiral Sir Michael Layard, Second Sea Lord, was the guest of honour at the annual Collingwood dinner held last night in HMS Collingwood, Fareham, Hampshire. Captain V.H. Lucas presided.

Royal Army Veterinary Corps
Brigadier A.H. Parker Bowles, Director of the Royal Army Veterinary Corps, presided at the annual officers' club dinner held last night at the Naval and Military Club. Mrs J. MacArthur Clark, President of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, and Mr C. Frank, Vice-President of the British Veterinary Association, were the principal guests. Brigadier G.R Durrant, Honorary Colonel Commandant, attended.

Fusilier Officers' Club
Brigadier D.A.K. Biggart, Deputy Colonel of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers for Warwickshire, presided at a ladies' night given by the Fusilier Officers' Club, Royal Warwickshire, last night at the Council House, Birmingham, to mark the 25th anniversary of the formation of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers.

The Lord Mayor of Birmingham, the Provost of Birmingham and Brigadier R.G. Silk, Commander, 143 (West Midlands) Brigade, were the guests.

The Royal Norfolk Regiment
Major-General Sir David Thorne presided at the annual dinner of The Royal Norfolk Regiment Officers' Dinner Club held last night at the Norfolk Club, Norwich.

Royal engagements

TODAY: The Duke of Edinburgh, as Trustee of the Prince Philip Trust Fund for the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, will attend a grand gala concert at 7.10 to mark the opening of the extension of the Magnet Leisure Centre, Maidenhead.

Princess Alexandra, as Patron and Air Chief Commandant, will attend a service of thanksgiving at St Clement Danes at 10.55 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of PMRAFNS followed by a reception at the Royal Courts of Justice.

TOMORROW: The Duke of York, as Patron of the Badminton Association of England, will present the prizes at the finals of the badminton world championships at the National Indoor Arena, Birmingham, at 1.20.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.A.C. Bayne and Miss C.L. Shield
The engagement is announced between Andrew Alan Collingwood, younger son of Mr and Mrs Alan Bayne, of Fittleworth, West Sussex, and Clare Louise, youngest daughter of the late Mr Geoffrey Shield and of Mrs Geoffrey Shield, of Up Hatherley, Gloucestershire.

Mr J.D.N. Brown and Miss N.C. Morgan
The engagement is announced between Julian, younger son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Brown, of Liss, Hampshire, and Nicola, younger daughter of Mr C.S.C. Morgan, of Athens, Greece, and Mrs M. Morgan, of Romsey, Hampshire.

Mr S.J. Lush and Miss V.L. Hughes
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Dr and Mrs Robin Lush, of Midhurst, Sussex, and Victoria, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Neville Hughes, of Crudwell, Malmesbury, Wiltshire.

Dr J.F. Mills and Miss C. Hanmer
The engagement is announced between John, son of Dr and Mrs K.L.M. Mills, of White Waltham, Berkshire, and Carolyn, daughter of Mr and Mrs N. Hanmer, of Queensland, Australia.

Mr P.T. McGleughlin and Miss S.E.L. Theakstone
The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of Mr and Mrs C. Lee Austin, of New York City, and Sally, daughter of Mrs S.M.E. Theakstone, of Tadworth, Surrey and Mr G.P. Theakstone.

Mr J.H. Perry and Miss A. Cordwell
The engagement is announced between James, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John H. Perry, of Torquay, Devon, and Andrea, eldest daughter of the late Mr Michael John Cordwell and of Mrs T.M. Scoble and stepdaughter of Mr T.M. Scoble, of West Chiltington, West Sussex.

Mr J.F. Sayers and Miss F.C. Ratcliffe
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Sayers, of Frittenden, Kent, and Felicity, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Ratcliffe, of Moruya, New South Wales, Australia.

Mr M.C. Westcott and Miss S.V.S. Miller
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs C.L. Westcott, of Kensington, London, and Sandrine, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A. Miller, of Barnes, London.

Memorial services

Mr Patrick Garrow
A service of celebration for the life and work of Mr Patrick Garrow was held yesterday at St Paul's, Covent Garden. The Very Rev David Elliott officiated, assisted by the Rev Sandy Cairns, Church of Scotland.

Mr Johnny Johnson, London Press Club, read the lesson and Mr James Copeland read from the works of Robert Burns. Mr Peter Cotes and Mr John Wade, Chairman of the Savage Club, gave addresses.

W.E. "Billy" Rivers
The Memorial Service of thanksgiving for the life of W.E. "Billy" Rivers (July 1, 1898-March 25, 1993) was held in the Chapel of St John's School, Leatherhead, on Saturday, May 29. The service was conducted by the Rev M.R. Francis, OJ, the address was given by the Chairman of the School Council, Mr C.H. Whitby, QC, OJ, and the lesson was read by Miss Lucinda Rivers, granddaughter. Among those attending were:
Mrs Judy Rivers (widow), Mr Michael Rivers (son) and Mrs Gillian Rivers, Joanna Rivers (granddaughter), Mr A H C Greenwood (former Chairman of the School Council), Mr C H Tongue (Headmaster), Mr I Sutherland (former Headmaster) and Messrs J D Brunton, P G Gardner and A J Peake (members of the School Council).

The Crew of Hercules XV193
There will be a Memorial Service at RAF Lyneham on June 23, 1993, at 3.30pm for the 9 members of the crew of Hercules XV193 who died near Blair Atholl on May 27, 1993. Those wishing to attend should write to The Officer Commanding RAF Lyneham, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN15 4PZ, marked "Memorial Service".

Latest wills

Sir Evelyn Charles Sackville **Russell**, of Epping, Essex, the former Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, left estate valued at £297,585 net.
He left £1,000 each to Douai School, Woolhampton, Berks, the Barristers Benevolent Association and the Gray's Inn Scholars Fund.

Lady Elizabeth Jane **Adeane**, of Westley Waterless, Newmarket, Suffolk, left estate valued at £3,220,662.
She left her collection of sculptures and pictures known as the Adeane Collection, including a bronze by Rodin, a silkscreen picture by Andy Warhol and an oil painting by Magritte, to the Inland Revenue in satisfaction of any taxes due, on condition that it is allocated to the charity The Tate in East Anglia, to whom she left such part of the collection not so used by the Inland Revenue.

Mr Robert Patricius **Chaworth-Musters**, of Jacksdale, Notts, left estate valued at £9,587,095 net.

Barbara Jean **Toland**, of Brewood, Staffs, who died intestate, left estate valued at £1,541,806 net.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

Mr James William **Baker**, of Slingsby, North Yorks ... £957,782
Mr Ronald Duffus **Fraser**, of Caterham, Surrey ... £858,795
Mrs Phyllis Irene **Marshall**, of Maidstone, Kent ... £946,057
Mr Dennis Arthur **Harrison**, of Swinton, Greater Manchester £835,277
Mrs Phyllis **Johnston**, of Caldy, Merseyside ... £868,155
Mr Frederick Reginald **Mills**, of Connahs Quay, Clwyd £1,112,544
Mr Alan Roy **Penketh**, of Chorley, Lancs ... £587,943
Mr Thomas William **Thompson**, of Heywood, Greater Manchester £809,774
Mrs Honorah Dawne **Christian**, of Tonbridge, Kent ... £707,835
Mrs Esme Jaqueline **Couzens**, of Whyteleafe, Surrey ... £689,930
Ena Madelaine **Edwards**, of Denham, Bucks ... £652,553
Miss Ruth Augusta **Goad**, of Bath, Avon ... £774,409
Mrs Vivienne Mary **Hickey**, of Newquay, Cornwall ... £794,895
Mr Aryan **Kahane**, of Somerset Road, London SW19 ... £500,011
Mrs Ruth Mary **Moore**, of Orton Wistow, Cambs ... £537,991
Mrs Kathleen Lorna **Parker**, of Henley-on-Thames, Oxon £554,304
Mr Sidney Cecil **Reakes**, of Rainhill, Merseyside .. £1,053,362

Church services tomorrow

Trinity Sunday

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M; 11 Sung Euch, Sumsion in F, Jesu, son most sweet and dear (Spearing), Rev P G C Brett; 3.15 E, Responses (Leighton), Howells in G, Faire is the heaven (Harris); 6.30 Sermon & Compline, Rev P T Mackenzie.
CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 10.30 Sung Euch, Gloria tibi Trinitas (Byrd), Sumsion in F, The Lord bless you (Rutter), Crown Imperial (Walton), Canon David Jenkins; 3 E, Justorum animae (Stanford), Stanford in C, Thou, O God, art praised in Sion (Boyle), Prelude and Fugue in C (Bach); 6.30 NP, Mrs Joan Barham.
CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP; 8 HC; 9.30 Parish Communion, Vice Provost; 11.15 Euch, Canon Barry Thompson; 3 Order of the Temple Service, Rev Michael Morgan; 6 E, Canon Martin Wallace.
CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany (St Erasmus Chapel); 8 HC; 10 Family Euch, Gloria, Sanctus and Benedictus (Rutter), Darke in E, Holy Holy Holy (Schubert); 11.30 Choral M, Te Deum (Ireland in F), St Patrick's Breastplate (arr. Stanford), Canon Colin Bennetts; 3.30 EP (Lady Chapel); 6.30 Barrowmore Songs of Praise.
COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP (Gethsemane Chapel); 8 Communion (Lady Chapel); 10.30 Cathedral Euch, Darke in F (Gloria), Locus iste (Bruckner), Hymn to the Trinity (Gretchaninov), Canon Michael Sadgrove; 5.30 E, Hymn to the Trinity (Gretchaninov), Responses (Reading), Brewer in D, Festival Te Deum (Britten).
DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.15 M, Britten in C, The Cherubic Hymn (Gretchaninov), Canon Hodgson; 11.30 HC, Sumsion in F, Fecisti nos, Domine, ad te (Radcliffe), Canon Pedley; 3.30 E, The Second Service (Gibbons), Great Lord of lords (Gibbons), Voluntary (Gibbons).
ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, Missa Brevis in C (Mozart), Worthy is the Lamb (Handel), Where thou reignest (Schubert), Organ: Carillon-sortie (Mulet), Rev Canon T Christie; 3.45 E, Preces (Leighton), Ireland in F, Te Deum (Van Nuffel), Organ: Fugue in E flat (Bach).
LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 MP; 10.30 Sung Euch, Stanford in C, Let all the world in every corner sing (Vaughan Williams), Canon Michael Wilson; 4 Choral E, Responses (Statham), Stanford in C, We praise thee O God.
LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany; 8 HC; 9.30 Sung Euch, The Precentor; 11.15 M; 12.30 HC; 1.30 Holy Matrimony; 3.45 E, Ven Brian Lucas.
LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, Missa Brevis in D (Mozart), Jubilate in C (Britten), Ave Verum Corpus (Mozart), Preb Michael Woodersen; 3.30 E, Responses (Rose), Walmisley in D minor, I saw the Lord (Stainer).
LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M & Litany; 8 Holy Euch, Rev Boon-Hor Khoo; 9 Parish Euch, Rev Boon-Hor Khoo; 11 Sung Euch, Missa Brevis Capella Regalis (Caesar), Creed (Merbecke), O beata et gloriosa Trinitas (Palestrina), Ven M I Williams; 12.15 Holy Euch (Lady Chapel); 3.30 Choral E, Moeran in D, Alleluia, I hear a voice (Weelkes); 6.30 Parish E & Sermon, Rev J F Redvers-Harris.
WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 Sung Euch, Darke in E, Hymn to the Trinity (Tchaikovsky), Rev S R Cutt; 11.30 M, Stanford in B flat, Sing we merrily (Batten); 3 E, Wood in E flat No.2, Praise the Lord, ye servants (Blow), Rev C D Taylor.
WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M, Britten in C, Hymn of the Cherubim (Rachmaninov), Canon Colin Semper; 11.15 Abbey Euch Mass in five parts (Byrd), Haec dies (Byrd), O sacrum convivium (Tallis), Rev Paul Ferguson; 3 E, Wood in F (Collegium Regale), I saw the Lord (Stainer), Rev Sanford Garner; 5.45 Organ recital, Martin Neary; 6.30 ES, Rev Paul Ferguson.
YORK MINSTER: 8 & 8.45 HC; 10 Sung Euch, Let all mortal flesh keep silence (Bairstow), Mass for five voices (Byrd), Canon Raymond Hockley; 11.30 M, Responses (Smith), Stanford in B flat; 4 E, Purcell in G minor, Great Lord of Lords (Gibbons), Rev Jean Mayland.
ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clwyd: 11 Choral Euch, Jackson in G, O taste and see (Vaughan Williams), Voluntary: Prelude in E flat (Bach), Rev Robert Wilkes; 3.30 Choral E, Stanford in C, Responses (Byrd), I saw the Lord (Stainer), Voluntary: Fugue in E flat (Bach).
ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 6pm LM (Sat); 8, 10 (Children's Mass), 6 LM; 11.30 HM, Fr Anthony Richins; 3 Permanent Diaconate Ordination, James T Sheahan.
ST GILES' CATHEDRAL, Edinburgh: 8 HC, The Minister; 10 HC, O quam gloriosum (Victoria), The Minister; 11.30 MS, Sanctus (Mozart Mass in G), Rev John Chalmers; St Giles' at 6, Organ recital, Andrew Armstrong; 8 ES, The Minister.
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M, Responses (Tomkins), Te Deum & Jubilate (Howells), Ven George Cassidy, Archdeacon of London; 11.30 HC, Missa Brevis in D (Mozart), The Cherubic Hymn (Gretchaninov); 2.30 Kitchener Scholars Association Annual Memorial Service; 3.15 E with members of Polish Airforce Association, Wood in F (Collegium Regale), I saw the Lord (Stainer), Voluntary: Fantasia and Fugue in G minor (Bach), Pastorin Ulrike Birkner-Kettenacker, Leipzig.
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, Dundee: 8 HC; 9.40 Sung Communion; 11 Choral Euch, Brewer in E flat, Where thou reignest (Schubert), The Provost; 6.30 Choral E, Naylor in A, I saw the Lord (Stainer).
AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 9.45 Sunday School; 11 Worship, Rev James Schmidt.
CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15 HC, Cantate Domino (Pitoni), Rev Stanley Hood; 6.30 HC, Rev Stanley Hood.
FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM.
HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton Road, SW7: 9 HC, Rev Sandy Millar; 11 Informal Service (Creche and Children's Church), Rev Tom Gillum; 6.30 Informal Service, Rev Nicholas Gumbel.
THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Missa Papae Marcelli (Palestrina), O beata et gloriosa Trinitas (Palestrina), 12.30, 4.30, 7; 3.30 V & B, Duo seraphim (Victoria).
ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF ST SAVVA, Lancaster Road, W2: 10.30 Divine Liturgy, traditional Serbian Choral Music sung in Church Slavonic.
WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45 HC; 11 MS, Rev Paul Hulme.
WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11 & 6.30 Rev R John Tudor.
ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC, Rev Ronald T Englund; 7 Choral Mass, Missa Brevis in C (Mozart), Sparrow Mass (Mozart), Church Sonatas in G and C (Mozart), Rev José Puliga.
ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 Sung Euch, Missa Ave Jesu (Oldroyd), They were all filled with the Holy Spirit (Esquivel), The Rector; 6.30 E, Responses (Smith), Noble in B minor, O pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Howells), The Rector.
ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Te Deum (Sumsion in G), Setting (Schubert in G), O Trinity, O Unity (Stainer), Canon John Oates; 6.30 Choral E, Responses (Jackson), Canticles (Dyson in D), O beata et gloriosa Trinitas (Palestrina), Canon John Oates.
ST CLEMENT DANES: 9 HC; 11 Choral E, Missa Brevis in C (Mozart), Where thou reignest (Schubert), Rev A T R Goode.
ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 Rev John H McIndoe; 6.30 Rev W Alexander Cairns.
ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 Sung Euch, Mass for eight voices (Hassler), O Beata et Gloriosa Trinitas (Palestrina), The Rector.
ST JAMES'S, Garlickhythe, EC4: 10.30 Sung Euch, Rev John Paul.
ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 & 12.15 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, Missa de Angelis, Ave verum Corpus (Byrd), Voluntary: Prelude and Fugue in G (Bach), Ven Timothy Raphael; 6.30 E, I saw the Lord (Stainer), Rev Derek Watson.
ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10 Family C; 11 Sung Euch, Darke in E, Hymn to the Trinity (Tchaikovsky), Rev Joanna Yates.
ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 Sung Euch, Missa Cantuariensis (Rubbra), Hymn to the Trinity (Tchaikovsky).
ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 Euch, Rev Bernhard Schunemann; 11.30 Visitors to London Service, The Vicar; 12.30 HC; 2.45 Chinese Service, Rev Gilbert Lee; 5 Choral E; 6.30 ES, Rev John Pridmore.
ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Mass in E flat (Rheinberger), Tibi Laus (Philips), Rev Ian Brown; 6.30 Ministry of Healing, Dr Patrick Pietroni.
ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 Choral Euch, Setting (Schubert in G), Blessing and glory and wisdom (Boyce).
ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Euch; 11 Solemn Euch, Messa Solennelle (Langlais), The Bishop of Fulham.
ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8 & 9 LM; 11 SM, Missa Simile est Regnum (Guerrero), Tibi Laus (Philips), O Beata et Gloriosa Trinitas (Palestrina), Fr John Towers; 6 EP & Benediction.
CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Four Voices (Monteverdi), O sacrum convivium (Victoria); 3.30 E, Gloria tibi Domine (Byrd), Rainbow Fauxbourdons, Let us now laud (Mundy).
GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street, W1: 11 Sung Euch, Missa Papae Marcelli (Palestrina), Libera nos, salva nos (Shepherd), Fr Christopher Lowe
QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 Sung Euch, Darke in F, The Chaplain
CHAPEL ROYAL OF ST PETER AD VINCULA, HM Tower of London: 9.15 HC; 11 M & Sermon, Responses (Tomkins), Te Deum (Great Service, Byrd), Jubilate, Ave Verum (Byrd), Canon J G M W Murphy; 12.15 Festival of the Holy and Undivided Trinity (HC); 3 Choral E in the Chapel of St John the Evangelist, White Tower, Responses (Tomkins), Tomkins Third Service, In Pace (Blitheman), Canon J G M W Murphy.
THE TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Holy God (Trisagion), Responses (Radcliffe), Te Deum Laudamus (Ireland in F), Jubilate Deo (Ireland in F), Holy Holy Holy (Rachmaninov), Voluntary: Fugue in F major (Bach), Rev Preb W D Kennedy-Bell.
GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 Choral HC, Holy holy (Schubert), Messe Solenelle (Gounod), O Holy and Glorious Trinity (Palestrina), Rev K R Joyce, Voluntary: La Rejouissance (Handel), Band of The Scots Guards.
ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 11 Sung Euch, All that hath life (Clausen), O praise the Lord (Goss), The Chaplain.

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To whom shall I speak, to whom give warning? Who will hear me? Their ears are blocked: they are incapable of listening; they treat the Lord's word as a reproach. Jeremiah 6:10

BIRTHS

CHETWOOD - On May 31st 1993, to Sophy (née Webster) and Ian, a son, Charles William, a brother for Nicholas.

CRESWELL - On 4th June 1993 at Mount Carmel Hospital, Dublin, to Jacqueline (née Antonieri) and Robin, a daughter, Antonia Phoebe Nina Creswell.

ESSER - On May 28th, in London, to Emma (née Beattie) and Toby, a daughter, Lucy Victoria Sarah, a sister for Charlotte.

GARDENER - On June 2nd, to Emma (née Harley) and Christopher, a son, Thomas Christopher.

HOLLANDER - On 11th May, to Heather (née Pilley) and Charles, a son, Andrew Trevor Gordon, a brother for Jenny.

ISHIKAWA - On May 27th at the Wellington Hospital, to Akira and Yoshie, a son, Tomoaki Lawrence

JACKSON - On 27th May, to Serena (née Howell) and Jolyon, a son, Thomas Sebastian Esme, a brother for Alicia.

JAMES - To Andrew and Sophie (née Chalmers), Saskia, a sister for Caspian, on 26th May.

LEWIS - On 16th May, to Lucy (née Power) and Paul, a daughter, Clare Megan.

MADGE - On 3rd June 1993, to Sally (née Hart) and Richard, a daughter, Lucy, a sister for Sophie.

RICHARDS - On June 2nd in Cyprus, to Charlotte (née Nicholls) and Benjamin, a daughter, Jessica Daisy.

SMITH - On May 27th 1993, to Kerry (née Monaghan) and John, a daughter, Ione Louise Monaghan.

STOPFORD SACKVILLE - A son, Luke Mordaunt (LMSS) for Charrs and Shona (née McKinney), on June 3rd at The Portland Hospital.

DEATHS

DARNLEY-SMITH - On June 2nd, peacefully after a long illness borne courageously, Richard Whittington, Dear husband of Mary (née Revill), brother of Mary Thankful, father of Hugh, Edward, Rachel and Lucy and grandpa of Edmund and Florence Browne. Requiem and Funeral Service at St Margaret's Church, Topsham, Devon, on Tuesday 8th June at 4 pm followed by interment at St Andrew's, Kenn. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Whipton Hospital League of Friends, c/o Whipton Hospital, Exeter or Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children. Our grateful thanks to doctors and nurses of Whipton Community Hospital. Enquiries to F.A. Turl, tel: (0392) 873985.

DAVIS - Cecily J. Suddenly on June 3rd, at her home in Winchester. All enquiries to Jno Steel & Son Ltd., Winchester (0962) 844044.

EKIN - On 3rd June 1993, suddenly at his home. Richard Laurence, beloved husband of Dorothy, loving father of Felicity and Diana. Memorial Service at St Cassian's Church, Chaddesley Corbett, Worcestershire, on Wednesday 9th June 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to Army Benevolent Fund, SW7 5HR or SSAFA (Birmingham branch).

HAGGER - On 2nd June 1993, after a long illness, Edward Denis aged 78 years, husband of Frankie, father of Matthew, Lucy, Barney and Susan and stepfather of Josephine. Funeral Service at Breakspear Crematorium on Wednesday 9th June at 3.45 pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to The Parkinson's Disease Society c/o T.A. Ellement & Son, 21 Bridge Street, Pinner.

RICHARDSON - On May 28th 1993 in Chelsea & Westminster Hospital, Doris Mary Richardson. Private cremation, no flowers please. Donations, if desired, to RSPCA or NSPCC.

SEMMONS - On June 3rd 1993 in Plymouth, Elmina Mary, in her 89th year. Devoted mother of Hilary. All enquiries to Walter Parson (0752) 767676.

SMEDLEY HILL - Peacefully on 31st May 1993, Pauline Mary (née Ollerenshaw) of Tansley, Derbyshire, sister of Michael and David.

STEPHENS - On May 29th peacefully at home after a long illness, Eunice, previously of Abu Dhabi and Kuwait, dearly loved wife of Richard, mother, mother-in-law and abuelita of Suzanne, Marc, Carlos, Candy, Cristina and Carlitos. Service at St Mark's, Reigate, at 2.30pm on Friday 11th June followed by private committal at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium. No flowers, but donations, if so desired, to St Catherine's Hospice, Crawley.

TITCUMB - On Wednesday 2nd June 1993, Edith Dorothy, aged 85 years, peacefully in her sleep. Beloved Aunt of Kim and Colin (dec), Joan and Barbara and Great-Aunt to Alistair, Patrick, Rupert, Jamie, Melanie, Ben, Toby, Rebecca and Sarah. Cremation, Charing 16th June 1993 at 11.30 am. Many thanks to all the staff of the Raphael Centre, Hildenborough.

WREATHALL - Peacefully on 2nd June 1993 at Sefton Hall Nursing Home in Dawlish, Devon, after a long illness, Barbara Grace aged 81 years (formerly of Mawnan-Smith and Bishopsteignton). The funeral service will be held at the Exeter and Devon Crematorium on Tuesday 15th June 1993 at 12.30 pm. No flowers by request, donations in lieu to RSPB or RSPCA c/o B.G. Willis & Son Funeral Directors, 22 Brunswick Place, Dawlish, Devon.

MARRIAGES

McCLAY:PAYET - On May 29th 1993 in Fayence (Var) France, Alan S. McClay, son of Mr & Mrs J.S. McClay, and Natalie Payet, daughter of Commandant J-G Payet and Mme. Payet.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

GROSE:ESPEUT - On June 5th 1943, at St Martin in the Fields, London, Leslie to Margot. Now at Southwold.

WALSH - Bill and Anne, on June 5th 1943. Visiting from Chatham, Ontario, Canada. Joyously celebrating in London with their family who love them dearly. With love from Pat, Mike, Begi, Josh, Hoffi and Kris.

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IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

CAMPBELL - James Armitage, MA, FRCP, died in Norwich June 6th 1992. Very greatly loved and remembered by his wife and family.

LEGAL NOTICES

THE LEPROSY MISSION (England, Wales, The Channel Islands and the Isle of Man) will hold its 26th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on Monday 5th July 1993, 2pm, at Abbey House, Chilkwell Street, Glastonbury, Somerset, for the presentation of the Annual Report and the Election of Council for the ensuing year.
Rev J A Lloyd
Executive Director.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION NO: 003798 of 1993
Re: CAPITAL & COUNTIES plc and Re: THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
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HUGGINS NÉE GREEN, Olive Mary Huggins née Green, Widow, late of 94 Katherine Road, Smethwick, Warley, W. Midlands died at Birmingham on 28 April 1992 (Estate about £10,000) The kin of the above named are requested to apply to Mrs C M O'Connell and Mr W Tustin, 196 Castle Road West, Oldbury, Warley, West Midlands, B68 0EJ.

"MEADOWS" NÉE DAVIS, Mabel Lily Meadows née Davis and formerly known as Gamme, late of 17 The Ridings, East Preston, West Sussex died on 3rd March 1992. Estate approximately £68,000.00. Kin of the above named are requested to reply to Messrs E J Moyle Solicitors of 2a Broadmark Parade, Rustington in West Sussex BN16 2NE.

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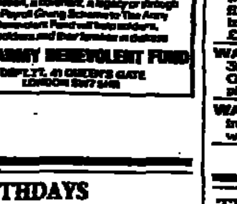
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OBITUARIES

THE RT REV FALKNER ALLISON

The Rt Rev S. F. Allison, Bishop of Chelmsford, 1951-61, and of Winchester, 1961-74, died on May 31 aged 86. He was born on January 19, 1907.



The Bishop of Winchester, the Rt Rev Falkner Allison, at a Lambeth Palace lunch given for Cardinal Augustin Bea (centre), president of the Vatican Secretariat for the Unity of Christian Churches, in August 1962. On the right is the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Michael Ramsey.

THE Right Reverend Falkner Allison came from the evangelical tradition in the Church of England, but found it easy to agree with Christians of all persuasions and was one of those most fervently campaigning for church unity in the 1960s.

During his time as the Bishop of Winchester he was a leading player in the discussions over the unification of the Church of England and the Methodist Church and in 1966 he became joint chairman of the Anglican-Methodist Council for Unity, formed to encourage the growing together of the Church of England and the Methodist Church at local level and to answer questions being raised in the parishes. It was one of his great disappointments that the union did not eventually come to pass.

Allison also furthered links with the Roman Catholics and, in January 1968, accepted an invitation to preach in St Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Winchester, the first Anglican to occupy a Roman Catholic pulpit in the diocese.

His missionary zeal did not stop there, and he became known as one of the most travelled of the Anglican Church's bishops. In 1964 alone he visited Russia (as a guest of the Russian Orthodox Church), Canada and America and in 1965 attended a meeting of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches in Africa.

Unfortunately Sir Winston Churchill died during Allison's three-week African visit, and despite frantic cabling from his wife, Allison, who was up country in Nigeria at the time, remained blissfully ignorant of the fact. As Prelate of the Order of the Garter he would have been obliged to attend the funeral at St Paul's had he known.

Allison had come to Winchester, one of the most senior bishoprics in the country, after long and distinguished service in the ranks. Sherard Falkner Allison was the son of the Reverend W. S. Allison, and one of four brothers who were ordained into the ministry of the Church of England.

After attending Dean Close School, he won a scholarship to Jesus College, Cambridge, in 1926 and read Classics, with a first in both parts of the tripos. This was followed in 1930 by a second class in Theology and the Jermie Septuagint Prize. He prepared for ordination at Ridley Hall in 1929, where he was later to serve first as chaplain and later as principal.

In 1931 he was ordained deacon by the Bishop of Rochester and priest a year later, serving at St James, Tunbridge Wells. But he soon returned to Cambridge, combining the chaplaincy at Ridley Hall with a curacy at St Mark's, Cambridge.

He left Cambridge to become the vicar of Radbourne Cheney (1936-40) and then Erith (1940-45). The contrast between the two parishes was to prove invaluable when he later ran a diocese — Chelmsford — which embraced both the country areas of rural Essex and the crowded industrial areas of east London over the border. In 1945 he returned to Cambridge and became principal of Ridley Hall. Allison proved a good choice and did much to restore the fortunes and confidence of the college after the war.

He brought a fresh approach to the job, liberal without the traces of eccentricity which had characterised his predecessor, and although he was never entirely at home among those Evangelicals who had made an idol of "soundness", his wide sympathy and unquestionable spiritual depth made him an acceptable principal to them as to others. His training methods proved effective when put to the test in parochial life and several future bishops passed through Allison's hands. The reputation of Ridley, as it became more of a broadly-based institution, was high throughout his time there.

But it was also at Ridley Hall that he suffered a great personal loss — the tragic death of his small son, who was crushed to death when the college gates collapsed on him. This experience left an abiding impression on Allison and gave him an unusual ability to comfort others.

Despite Allison's success at Ridley, it was something of a surprise when he was appointed to the Bishopric of Chelmsford early in 1951 in succession to Bishop Henry Wilson. It would be difficult to find a greater contrast between two men, yet the change was smoothly made and what was fittingly called a "distinguished" episcopate at its end began with a minimum of preliminary mistakes.

The new bishop began, as he meant to continue, with a policy of wide consultation. But this was not invariably a success. Although Allison had hoped by this to let his colleagues shine, he could, especially in committees, give the impression of hesitance.

Such faults, however, were more than made up for by his ability as chairman to make sense of the essential issues involved. Here his touch was sure and his contribution invaluable. He had entered the Convocation of Canterbury as Proctor in 1949 but it was not until he reached the Upper House that he began to make the contribution to the government of the Church of which he was capable.

Having found his feet, he soon showed that he possessed two outstanding capacities. The first was an ability to defend himself when attacked. This was the more effective because he was normally so utterly lacking in aggressiveness.

The second was his power of assembling and presenting the relevant issues and facts. He had few rivals in this, and these gifts marked him out for a responsible chairmanship in some policy-making committee.

The opportunity came when, on the death of Bishop Bell of Chichester, a leader was needed for the important discussions on Church union. These had such far-reaching implications for the Church that the post was equivalent to that of the foreign secretary in the political field. Allison was appointed and the rightness of this choice was demonstrated beyond doubt at the Lambeth Conference of 1958. Allison emerged as an outstanding figure in the life of the Anglican Communion, a position he enhanced at Delhi in 1961.

When in the middle of 1961 the See of Winchester fell vacant, Allison was an obvious choice and the translation came as a surprise to no one. It had been clear that he could not continue in the more strenuous See of Chelmsford and at the same time fulfil the exacting role that had been assigned to him in the wider life of the Church. In January 1962 he was enthroned at Winchester and at once applied himself to the task of overhauling the administrative machinery of the diocese.

Although well able to hold his own in scholastic discussions, Allison was much more the policy-maker and administrator than the intellectual. Because of a certain shyness he was more liable to win appreciation than affection from those who did not know him intimately and he had a slightly diffident manner which despite his qualities inevitably diminished the force of his leadership. But these faults were more than compensated for by his clear vision, deep spiritual life and personal graciousness.

He also had great integrity and was not frightened to adopt an unfashionable cause. Unlike many of his colleagues he defended Britain's independent nuclear strength as the only position from which to negotiate nuclear disarmament and in 1971, at the end of one of the most liberal decades, he spoke out against what he called the "moral cancer" of pornography in a presidential address to his diocesan synod.

Allison retired in 1974 although he continued to help out in local parishes on an unofficial basis. For the next few years he indulged his passion for Greece and for ancient history by becoming an occasional lecturer on Hellenic cruises. He was also a keen birdwatcher, loved the countryside and enjoyed sailing his dinghy on the river Alde, close to his home in Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

In 1936 he married Ruth Hills who, with their remaining son and two daughters, survives him.

CAPTAIN JOHN LITCHFIELD

Captain John Shirley Sandys Litchfield, OBE, RN, Conservative MP for Chelsea 1959-66, died on May 31 aged 89. He was born on August 27, 1903.

JOHN LITCHFIELD's first contact with politics happened when as a young guest at the wedding of Lord Louis Mountbatten, he accidentally stepped on the foot of Mr Asquith. The former prime minister's response, he later recalled, was unparliamentary and swift. Litchfield was to tread on many toes, metaphorically, during the next 70 years, both as an adventuresome officer in the Royal Navy and as an independently-minded MP.

In 1963 he joined a group of Tory rebels who refused to support the Macmillan government over the Profumo affair — although he later came to like and respect John Profumo personally. He also claimed to be the only Conservative MP to have sat on Harold Wilson's knee in Paris. While on a parliamentary visit to Nato, the latter was the only seat left in the official cars and Litchfield travelled back to their hotel with the famous pipe sticking painfully in his ribs.

Litchfield himself did not enter Westminster until he was 56, despite being absorbed by politics since boyhood. His father was a distinguished rear admiral, a friend of Jellicoe and Beatty, and young John's own career appeared pre-destined. It was also to be, however, long and illustrious. He was mentioned in dispatches in the late 1930s when commanding a detachment of armoured cars and two trains, trying to combat Arab terrorists in Palestine.

In the second world war, he served in the cruiser *Norfolk* on the Russian convoys and in support of the allied landings in North Africa, before joining the planning staff for D-Day. He was awarded the OBE in 1944.

But what gave his naval career a special lustre were his links with the royal family. While still a Dartmouth cadet he was deputed to keep a fraternal eye on Prince Charles of the Belgians, with whom he also served as a midshipman in HMS *Renown* on a voyage to the Far East with the then Prince of Wales.

Litchfield himself had to return home early when his father died, the news being broken to him by Mountbatten, then a junior lieutenant in the same ship. So helpful and considerate was Mountbatten that Litchfield would never afterwards hear an unkind word against him.

Two years later he nearly dented the royal yacht when as "King's Midshipman" during Cowes week, the tiny steam picket he commanded missed ramming the hull of *Britannia* by millimetres. "Mind my paintwork boy" barked a voice as an ashen-faced Litchfield backed off. He looked up to see King George V glaring at him.

He always claimed to have proposed the first toast by any sailor to the present Queen, while once more serving in *Renown*, conveying her parents, then the Duke and Duchess of York, to Australasia. As the youngest lieutenant in the wardroom it fell to him to reply to the toast to "Wives and sweethearts". A nervous Litchfield had the happy idea of ending with his own toast: "To the Princess Elizabeth" — then a baby who had captured the hearts of the British nation.

His early career was punctuated by scrapes and near-misses. Posted to a gun-boat on the Yangtse in 1929, he persuaded the Admiralty against its better judgment to allow him to travel via the Trans Siberian railway. Stopping off in Moscow en route, he started to photograph the Kremlin and ended up under KGB interrogation. He was lucky that they eventually let him go.

His life was not without its disappointments. In 1952, now a captain in command of the Navy's last great battleship, HMS *Vanguard*, he was ordered to sail the King and Queen to South Africa. But the death of the King forced the voyage to be cancelled.

Worse was to follow. Shortly afterwards Litchfield was struck down by polyneuritis, a painful condition which forced him to take sick leave for six months. He recovered to complete two other postings, his last appointment being that of Director of Operations at the Admiralty. But he failed to regain complete fitness and retired early in 1955.

The good news was that he could now indulge his love of politics, first as a member of Kent County Council for four years, and then at Westminster. Along with another Tory hopeful, called Margaret Thatcher, he tried unsuccessfully for the candidature at Maidstone, finally making it at Chelsea in 1959. His selection was far from unanimous. A powerful group in the constituency wanted the young Nicholas Ridley, on the ground that Ridley had better front-bench potential. But Litchfield's energy, honesty and independence won both their affection and respect during the next seven years.

He retired aged 63 to write and concentrate on cine photography — at which he was skilled. His prewar and wartime naval footage has been extensively used on television and by the Imperial War Museum. One film he took on the Russian convoys was used as evidence by Captain Jack Broome, commanding the ill-fated convoy PQ17, in his successful libel suit against the author David Irving.

A voluminous diarist throughout his life, Litchfield also wrote a biography of the wartime Admiral Sir Dudley Pound, which is still waiting to be published.

He was a celebrated raconteur who loved talking, not only to adults but also to children — for whom he retained a store of bedtime stories.

He met his wife Margaret when she was on holiday in Malta. Deeply smitten, he sent her a copy of the weather forecast before she sailed home the next day, in the hope that she might scribble a "thank you" note — including her address in Britain. It worked, and they celebrated their golden wedding four years ago. He is survived by her and by their one son and two daughters.



DAN SEYMOUR

Dan Seymour, actor, died in Santa Monica on May 25 at the age of 78. He was born in Chicago on February 22, 1915.

DAN SEYMOUR had one of those Hollywood faces everybody knows and few can readily put a name to. In the days when minor villains in Hollywood films were likely to be — all-inclusive term — "Levantine" (especially if they were being villainous in Casablanca or thereabouts) and quite probably, even more damning, "effite", Dan Seymour's cigarette-holder signalled his honorable place in their ranks.

Curiously enough, his early show-business experience was not in villainy at all, but in comedy: for many years before his first film appearance in 1942 he was a regular in burlesque houses across the United States. His first film was also comic, and though he had only a small, role as one of the many dubious characters who impeded Bing, Bob and Dotty in the *Road To Morocco*, it nevertheless somehow established his connection with the shadier parts of North Africa.

Naturally he went on to *Casablanca*, though no one remembers him there as an inconspicuous local among so many competing major personalities. Almost immediately afterwards he moved into a more prominent role as the Vichy French police inspector (Claude Rains from *Casablanca* without the suave ambiguity) in Howard Hawks's very free version of Hemingway's *To Have and Have Not*.

This was the model for most of his later roles. The sharp-eyed might have detected, despite the Gaelic disguise, that the real affinity was with the pudgy, decadent minor villains from the German thrillers of Fritz Lang. Though Seymour went on playing dodgy Frenchmen in the Marx Brothers' *A Night In Casablanca* (this time obviously for comedy), clearly Lang himself, now well-established in Hollywood, noted that Seymour fitted naturally into his own dark universe.

Their first collaboration was in the wartime thriller *Cloak And Dagger* (1946), and after that Lang made a niche for him whenever possible. In productions as varied as the Marlene Dietrich western *Rancho Notorious*, the costume pirate yarn *Moonfleet*, and such *films noirs* as *The Big Heat*, *Human Desire* and *Beyond A Reasonable Doubt*. In none of them was he a real nice guy.

He was a memorably sinister presence in John Huston's *Key Largo*, and his other films ranged from the relative seriousness of *Johnny Belinda* to the stop at nothing slapstick of *Abbott & Costello Meet The Mummy*. In the late 1950s his career petered out into such as *The Buster Keaton Story*. But even though Hollywood had finished with him he remained busy on television, mostly in thriller series like *The Untouchables*, *Perry Mason* and *Kojak*, mostly of course as a villain.



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Mr Roosevelt says that "the conditions shown are revolting, and it is imperative in the interest of health and decency that they should be radically changed. It is impossible to secure satisfactory results under the existing law. The report shows that the packing-houses are not kept even reasonably clean, and the method of handling and preparing food products is uncleanly and dangerous to health."

The President goes on to state that the present law prohibits the shipment of uninspected meats to foreign countries, but there is no provision forbidding the shipment of uninspected meats for purposes of inter-State commerce. Thus the avenues of inter-State commerce are left open to traffic in diseased or spoiled meats. A law is needed to enable Government inspectors to supervise, from hoof to can, the preparation of meat food products. The evil seems to be less in dressed carcases than in canned and other prepared products.

The accompanying report of the investigators describes the malodorous condition of the Chicago yards. The buildings, it is declared, have been constructed without regard to light, ventilation, or sanitation. The humid atmosphere is permeated with awful odours from the filth accumulated on the blood-soaked, rotting, wooden floors, and the decaying meats are fruitful of disease germs to both men and animals. Tuberculosis, the report states, is disproportionately prevalent among the *employés* of the packing-houses as compared with other classes of America, and the victims expectorate on the floors, which are littered with scraps of meat, which are subsequently converted into food products. Turning to the manner in which the meat is handled in the packing-houses, the report says that parts of animals destined for various meat products are handled without regard to cleanliness, and it furnishes revolting details in support of the charge. On the other hand, cleanliness is observed in the handling of parts treated in bulk.

Regarding the labels on canned goods, it is declared that the use of the legend "Quality Guaranteed", immediately following a statement relative to Government inspection gives a false impression that the Government guarantees the contents of the can, whereas it only certifies to the healthfulness of the animal from which the meat is taken at the time it was slaughtered. The report notes the careful treatment of hogs destined for Germany, and suggests that the same methods should be used in the case of hogs for domestic use. The report mentions a case of the labels being washed off old cans, which were then reheated to freshen up the contents, after which fresh labels were attached.

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■ John Major emerged defiant from a week of relentless personal criticism to insist that he would not be swayed by attacks on his leadership.

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The Times was changing, Mr Major complained yesterday: its mutability, he suggested, should be contrasted with his own personal constancy. We accept the comparison. Strength is not to be confused with refusal to change. *The Times* has long supported strong conservative government. Perhaps Mr Major will now provide it Page 17

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Spain's prime minister for the past 11 years, Felipe Gonzalez, might envy John Major..... Page 17

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The truth is that the English are far better at inventing games than at playing them..... Page 17

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A Tory leadership that could recover from the horrors of 1981, 1985-6 and 1991 can recover from May 1993, if it tries..... Page 16

ALEXANDER CHANCELLOR

If there is one good reason for coming to live in the United States, it is to get away from British Telecom. The thought that British Telecom might be bringing its expertise to bear on the American telephone system fills me with alarm..... Page 16

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The best way to exert positive pressure on Kiev, would be for the West to show more interest

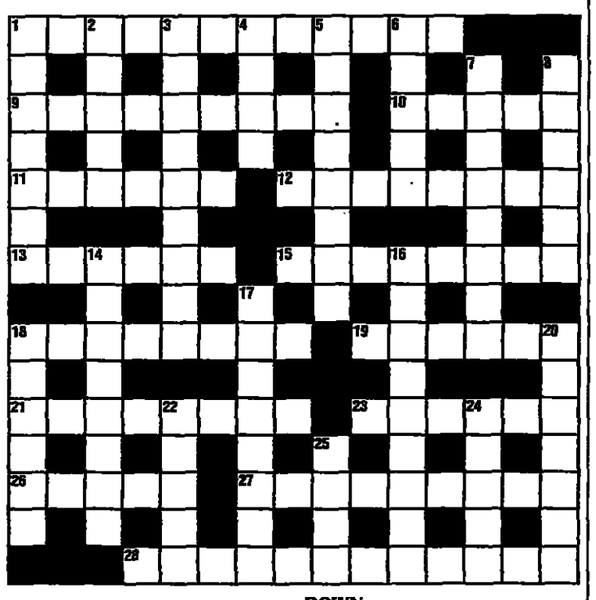
— Le Monde

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,249

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Name/Address .....



ACROSS

1 Causing one to be dependent on dress-making? (5-7)
9 Found a camp abandoned (4,5)
10 Gag in which the woman turns on the man (5)
11 The woman who could come to Elisha (6)
12 Height above which white caps are always worn (4-4)
13 Maori woman has a husband in port, perhaps (6)
15 One to defame a Lesbian, for example (8)
18 Co-driver's position (4,4)
19 Admired notice about painter (6)
21 Jimmy Porter, for instance, exploding on the air (4-4)
23 Black rule in the margin (6)
26 A heavenly streaker (5)
27 It's stifling below — cease operations (5,4)
28 Short test question (5-7).

DOWN

1 It is used to cut chops on a wooden top (4-3)
2 Tack to put on fat (5)
3 A minstrel dancing within the confines of the court (9)
4 Video wrongly set, missing English poet (4)
5 Lack of this quality could cost you the earth (8)
6 So-called specialised skill not by any means required (5)
7 Indian sergeant had rival in mess (8)
8 It may be put on to improve a wooden appearance (6)
14 Big sacrifice for a budding witch doctor possessing nothing (8)
16 Star with a rock fixation (9)
17 Quarters arranged in grounds on the Cam (8)
18 Girl the French mount on horse (6)
20 Drove into dictator, incurring imprisonment (7)
22 One who abominates a half-hearted shopkeeper (5)
24 Garment some find hot in India (5)
25 Hauled up near Brighton (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,243

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WEATHER

England and Wales will have a dry day. Most places will be cloudy early on and there may be mist and patchy fog. This will clear quickly and nearly everywhere will brighten up with some sunshine, although south Wales, southwest England and the Midlands may keep a lot of cloud. Northern Ireland and southern Scotland will be dry and at times sunny. Northern Scotland will be mostly cloudy with rain at times. Outlook: mostly dry and bright.

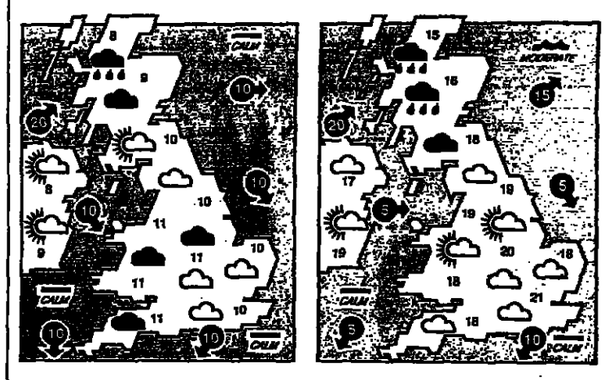
MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	23	73	s	Malaga	27	81	s
Alicatte	29	84	s	Malta	24	75	s
Alex'dria	25	77	s	Melb'rne	11	52	c
Algiers	29	84	s	Medco C*	26	79	s
Amst'dm	21	70	f	Miami*	27	81	f
Athens	27	81	s	Milan	27	81	s
Bahrain	33	91	s	Montreal*	17	63	f
Barbados*	31	88	f	Moscow	23	73	s
Barcelna	23	73	f	Munich	16	61	c
Beirut	25	77	s	Nairobi	25	77	f
Belgrade	27	81	f	Naples	20	68	f
Berlin	20	68	s	N Delhi	39	102	s
Biarritz	23	73	s	N York*	21	70	f
Borde'x	21	70	s	Nice	24	75	s
Brussels	19	66	c	Oslo	16	61	s
Budapst	26	79	s	Paris	21	70	f
B Aires*	15	59	s	Peking	33	91	s
Cairo	41	106	s	Perth	18	64	s
Cape Tn	17	63	s	Prague	21	70	f
Chicago*	12	54	c	Reykjavik	12	54	c
Ch'church	19	66	s	Rhodes	27	81	s
Cologne	19	66	c	Rio de J	26	79	f
C'phagn	19	66	s	Riyadh	39	102	s
Corfu	28	79	f	Rome	24	75	f
Dublin	17	63	s	Salzburg	13	55	r
Dubrovnik	26	79	s	S F'risco*	18	64	f
Faro	21	70	s	Santiago*	17	63	f
Florence	25	77	s	S Paulo*	20	68	c
Frankfurt	20	68	f	Seoul	23	73	f
Funchal	22	72	f	Sing'por	31	88	f
Geneva	20	68	s	St'kholm	18	61	f
Gibraltar	24	75	s	Strasb'rg	20	68	c
Helsinki	12	54	c	Sydney	16	61	s
Hong K	28	82	f	Tangier	21	70	f
Innsbrck	14	57	c	Tel Aviv	35	95	s
Istanbul	26	79	s	Tenerife	26	79	s
Jeddah	35	95	s	Tokyo	23	73	s
Jo'burg*	18	64	f	Toronto*	19	66	f
Karachi	35	95	s	Tunis	27	81	s
L Palmas	25	77	s	Valencia	25	77	s
Le Touet	15	59	c	Vanc'ver*	17	63	f
Lisbon	21	70	c	Venice	25	77	s
Locarno	26	79	s	Vienna	21	70	f
L Angels*	21	70	s	Warsaw	20	68	f
Luxembg	20	68	s	Wash'ton*	20	68	f
Luxor	42	108	s	Wel'ton	15	59	c
Madrid	28	82	s	Zurich	17	63	s
Majorca	24	75	s				

* denotes figures are latest available

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	6.0	0.01	14	57	bright
Anglesey	6.7	-	16	61	bright
Aviemore	6.8	0.01	16	61	bright
Belfast	3.4	0.01	18	64	bright
Birmingham	-	-	16	61	cloudy
Bognor Regis	1.1	-	18	64	cloudy
Bournemouth	1.6	-	17	63	cloudy
Bristol	0.9	0.02	19	66	cloudy
Buxton	0.7	0.19	15	59	bright
Cardiff	1.3	-	17	63	cloudy
Clacton	5.7	0.04	16	61	sunny
Cromer	8.8	0.03	15	59	sunny
Eastbourne	5.8	-	17	63	bright
Edinburgh	-	0.01	13	55	cloudy
Eskdalemuir	0.1	-	15	59	cloudy
Exmouth	4.5	-	17	63	sunny
Falmouth	7.2	0.01	18	64	bright
Folkestone	5.6	-	18	64	sunny
Glasgow	-	0.15	15	59	dull
Guernsey	8.7	-	16	61	sunny
Hastings	5.4	-	18	64	bright
Hunstanton	8.1	0.02	15	59	bright
Isle of Man	3.6	-	14	57	fog
Jersey	3.6	0.02	17	63	bright
Kinloss	4.2	-	18	64	cloudy
Leeds	0.1	-	15	59	cloudy
Lerwick	2.3	-	10	50	cloudy
Littlehampton	0.2	-	18	64	cloudy
Liverpool	2.7	0.01	19	66	fog
London	0.7	0.01	18	64	cloudy
Lowestoft	6.8	0.15	15	59	bright
Manchester	1.6	0.08	18	66	cloudy
Margate	5.9	-	18	61	sunny
Minehead	4.6	-	17	63	bright
Morecambe	2.9	-	17	63	cloudy
Newcastle	2.1	0.07	14	57	bright
Nottingham	1.2	-	15	59	cloudy
Plymouth	2.4	-	17	63	cloudy
Poole	1.5	-	18	64	cloudy
Salcombe	6.8	-	17	63	bright
Sandown	1.0	-	18	64	dull
Scarbon Grd	1.3	-	18	61	cloudy
Scarborough	3.4	0.03	12	54	bright
Scilly Isles	12.8	-	16	61	sunny
Shanklin	0.7	-	18	64	dull
Southsea	-	-	17	63	cloudy
Stornoway	-	0.07	11	52	rain
Swanage	1.7	-	17	63	cloudy
Teignmouth	6.6	-	17	63	sunny
Tenby	3.1	-	17	63	cloudy
Torquay	8.7	-	18	64	sunny
Wick	4.4	-	12	54	cloudy
Worthing	-	0.01	18	64	cloudy

These are Thursday's figures



Information supplied by Met Office

London 9.42 pm to 4.16 am
Bristol 9.52 pm to 4.26 am
Edinburgh 10.22 pm to 4.01 am
Manchester 10.02 pm to 4.14 am
Penzance 9.57 pm to 4.45 am

TODAY

Sun rises: 4.46 am
Sun sets: 9.12 pm
Moon rises 10.13 pm
Moon sets 5.30 am

Last quarter June 12

London 9.43 pm to 4.16 am
Bristol 9.53 pm to 4.26 am
Edinburgh 10.23 pm to 4.01 am
Manchester 10.03 pm to 4.13 am
Penzance 9.58 pm to 4.44 am

TOMORROW

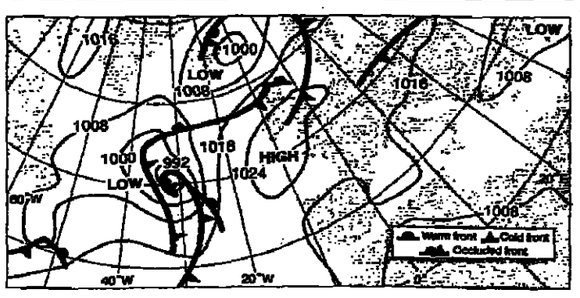
Sun rises: 4.46 am
Sun sets: 9.13 pm
Moon rises 6.34 am
Moon sets 10.53 pm

Last quarter June 12

Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989: The hours of darkness are defined in these Regulations as the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.35	2.15
Austria Sch	18.40	16.90
Belgium Fr	53.90	49.50
Canada $	2.07	1.91
Denmark Kr	10.06	9.26
Finland Mkk	8.95	8.15
France Fr	8.81	8.11
Germany Dm	2.61	2.41
Greece Dr	351.00	325.00
Hong Kong $	12.42	11.42
Ireland Pt	1.06	0.98
Italy Lire	2340.00	2195.00
Japan Yen	172.00	163.00
Netherlands Gld	2.935	2.705
Norway Kr	11.08	10.28
Portugal Esc	248.00	230.00
South Africa Rd	6.42	5.42
Spain Pta	196.00	185.00
Sweden Kr	11.88	10.88
Switzerland Fr	2.34	2.16
Turkey Lira	16000.0	15000.0
USA $	1.625	1.485

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.



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RECALL OF TOY DULUX DOGS

ICI Paints recently commissioned additional safety tests on a batch of toy Dulux dogs used as part of a promotion which raised money for charity between October and 31 December 1992 and which have been available since that time.

We have become aware through these additional safety checks that in some circumstances the dog's eyes may work loose under pressure.

Our concern is public safety and the satisfaction of our customers and we are as a precaution alerting the public to the situation and withdrawing toy Dulux dogs supplied by ICI Paints from circulation.

Anyone who has a toy Dulux dog supplied by ICI Paints should contact the following freecall helpline: 0800 106010. Arrangements will be made to replace the toy Dulux dog free of charge with a toy dog from Dean's Company UK.

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Drivers are facing premium rises of up to 25 per cent as insurers seek ways of financing changes to claims settlement procedures
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People transferring pensions from company schemes should benefit from the lower interest rates
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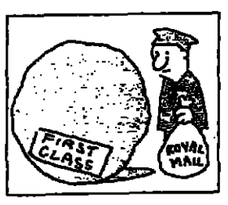
Elizabeth Filkin was named this week as the first tax adjudicator for people with complaints about the Revenue
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Parents such as Valerie Campbell are making painful sacrifices to keep their children at private schools
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A believer in Martyn Lewis's "good news" philosophy praises Northern Rock and Commercial Union
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THE POUND

US $ ..... 1.5235 (-0.0170)
German mark .. 2.4704 (+0.0036)
Exchange Index ..... 79.4 (-0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 2829.9 (-22.9)
Dow Jones ..... 3597.39 (-7.48)*
Nikkei Avg .. 20882.24 (-193.76)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month interbank..... 5⅞-5¹³/₁₆%
US Federal Funds..... 2¹⁵/₁₆%*
3-month Treas Bills. 3.11-3.10%*
Long Bond 6.92%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
£:$ 1.5175*	£:$ 1.5195
$:DM ..1.6235*	£:DM 2.4601
$:Swfr..1.4600*	£:Swfr...2.2159
$:Flr ...5.4700*	£:Flr 8.2960
$:Yen .107.74*	£:Yen ...163.54
£:SDR ..1.0832	£:ECU ..1.2635

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM $77.50 ..... PM 377.60
Close 376.00-376.75
New York:
Comex 376.75-377.25*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI..... 140.6 April (1.3%)
* Denotes midday trading price

Court hearing overhangs BT share sale

By Patricia Tehan

■ The BT3 share sale prospectus must spell out details of a court action by British Telecom against the government over the interpretation of an EC directive

BRITISH TELECOM is suing the government over the way it interprets the EC public procurement directive.

A court hearing overhangs the government's third and final BT share sale, coming in the middle of the government's marketing pitch to institutions around the world and to the public.

BT initiated the action because the government's interpretation meant that any BT decision to purchase supplies and works above the value of 600,000 ecus (about £450,000) would have to be put out to open tender, as if it were a government department.

The trade department confirmed that BT had applied for the government's decision to be reviewed by the courts and that a judicial review is under way.

Reference to the outstanding litigation is sure to be made in the government's BT3 prospectus, due to be published on June 29.

Meanwhile, Oftel, BT's regulator, will next week outline its thoughts on its plans to force BT to separate and make transparent accounting for its main businesses so that Oftel and BT rivals can see how much BT businesses charge each other for interconnection. It will also give its views on how to ensure fair treatment of rival interconnecting operators.

Oftel's thoughts will be set out in a consultative document, for discussion with BT and other interested parties. On the evidence of BT's past reaction to such suggestions, it is unlikely to give an unqualified welcome to all the proposals. The prospectus will have to make reference to any lack of concrete agreement between the two. Some observers fear Oftel's decision to impose accounting separation heralds a split up of BT.

Large institutional investors have been less than happy about the way BT3 is being handled, dismissing the marketing of the £5.5 billion share sale as too much hype with too many managers clamouring for their business.

Many institutions feel there are too many managers involved — with 11 global managers competing for business from the top 500 institutions worldwide. They say they cannot understand why the government did not learn from BT2, when UK institutions complained that three lead managers, Warburg, Cazenove and BZW able to market to the top 250 institutions, were too many.

They fear a free-for-all as all 11 managers compete for business. The 11 will be selling the same story, so institutions are concerned that they will face a series of telephone calls on the same subject, arguing it is wasteful of their manpower, time and resources.

They are also curious at the way the government is promoting SG Warburg, the global co-ordinator of the sale, on the global stage. For instance, although Daiwa Securities, UBS, Paribas, Deutsche Bank, Merrill Lynch and Morgan Stanley are all global managers for BT3, Warburg is the only one of the 11 global managers that will sit in on one-to-one meetings between BT management and the world's top 500 institutions.

This has the potential to give Warburg, which as well as co-ordinating the issue is competing with ten global managers for top institutions' business, a lead over the others.

The institutions are dismissive of Warburg's warning that when shares are allocated they will be penalised for selling BT shares ahead of the sale and will be favoured if they buy them. One analyst said: "The government should be careful about making these demands until it is sure about the level of public demand."

The government has said at least half the shares will be sold to the UK public, compared with two thirds the last time.

One leading fund manager said he wants to see the government make a firm statement about the future role of regulators.

A government adviser confirmed that there will be a number of references to regulatory matters in the prospectus with which Oftel, BT and the government will have to be comfortable.

He said the syndicate of 11 managers was put in place to mimic the way the market works.

ADRIAN BROOKS



Out of tune: Chrysalis, headed by Chris Wright, is still struggling to cut losses

Leyland buyout set for next week

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

A SALE of the Leyland DAF truck plant in Lancashire to a management buyout team is set to be completed next week after agreement was struck with receivers to the collapsed Anglo-Dutch group last night.

The breakthrough came after more than six weeks of talks during which two rival bidders have also been undertaking financial due diligence checks on the business.

The rescue will save more than 700 jobs at the Leyland assembly plant, and several thousand more at companies supplying components.

John Gilchrist, the Leyland managing director, said: "This is the news we have been waiting for."

John Talbot, one of the joint administrative receivers from Arthur Andersen, the accountant, called in by Leyland DAF's bankers five months ago, said: "We believe that the deal will secure the future of the Leyland plant." But he added that it was now clear there was little prospect of any cash for unsecured creditors, who are owed £82 million.

Mr Talbot will now turn his attention to selling the parts operation at Chorley and the Albion axle plant in Glasgow.

A management team at Chorley has already tabled a bid that is believed to exceed £100 million for the parts business. Mr Talbot said both businesses have attracted the interest of several would-be buyers.

They may include two rival bidders for the assembly plant, Ian McKinnnon, a former manufacturing director of Leyland Trucks, and Dan Wright, who has connections with the Motherwell Bridge Group, one of Scotland's biggest private companies.

Managers at the highly profitable parts warehouse in Chorley, Lancashire, employing 340 workers, are in advanced talks about a possible £100 million buyout.

Invesco 'misunderstood' Financial Services Act

By Sarah Bagnall

FORMER managers at Invesco MIM, one of the UK's largest fund managers with £40 billion under management, did not fully understand it was obliged to operate within the remit of the Financial Services Act, according to its new European head.

The admission follows Thursday's record fine of £2.3 million, including costs, by Imro, the investment regulator, for 55 breaches of rules, including mispricing of unit trusts, provision of inaccurate regulatory information, defective records and failure to keep clients' money separate.

Norman Riddell, the new chief executive of Invesco's European operations, said the charges, three of which relate to the management of Mirror Group pension funds, reflect the group's failure "to address sufficiently seriously the Financial Services Act". He stressed that there had been a "change in culture and style of management" since the errors but said: "We have no intention of taking action against any individual."

Invesco MIM was chaired, until recently, by Lord Stevens of Ludgate, chairman of Express Newspapers, with Nicholas Johnson as joint deputy chairman. Lord Stevens stood down in April, three months early, while Mr Johnson resigned last December. The group has changed its management structure and Mr Riddell said the appointment of further "senior professionals" was imminent.

Nick Guyatt, who joined five days ago as a director of Invesco MIM Unit Trust Managers, said charges concerning the provision of inaccurate regulatory information related to Invesco Ventures. He said Invesco Ventures, along with other companies, "misunderstood" whether they were required under the Financial Services Act to provide Imro with information.

"The company failed to notify the regulator they were doing the wrong business because they failed to recognise what business they were doing," Mr Guyatt said.

As well as the fine of £750,000 and Imro's investigation costs of £1.56 million, Invesco incurred its own costs, relating to legal and accountancy advice, and had to pay £500,000 in compensation to unit trust investors.

Trading loss continues at Chrysalis

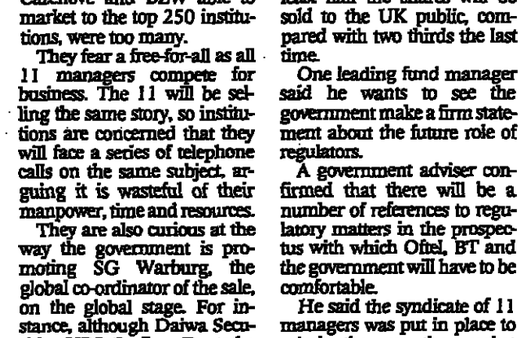
CHRYSALIS, the media group, is still unable to produce an operating profit despite selling its loss making records division to Thorn EMI (Rodney Hobson writes).

The operating loss in the six months to February was £853,000 (£913,000 loss). Pre-tax figures were rescued by nearly £1 million in interest on the cash received from Thorn, producing a profit of £104,000 (£10.6 million restated for sale). The interim dividend is passed.

The results were severely affected by the continuing trading losses of the jukebox and amusement machine operation. But Chris Wright, chairman, said: "Elsewhere in the group there are many encouraging signs, with improved profit contributions from both our music and television divisions."

Fun and gaming for mile-high rollers

From Philip Robinson
in New York



IT STARTED with a limo to the airport. Then there was the massage and manicure service for first-class passengers. Now comes in-flight gambling.

The arrival of Airbus 340s on transatlantic routes in the autumn will herald individual arm rest video screens equipped with computer software catering for mile-high rollers.

Passengers will be able to push in credit cards and play electronic poker, dice, roulette and slot machines at 37,000 feet. Each playing passenger is likely to have an individual account recording wins and losses. The sky's the limit.

First to offer the service will be Virgin Atlantic, which uses "Take us for all we've got" as an advertising line in the US. Gambling will be introduced on the London-Boston and London-Tokyo routes, but by the end of next year, the 3,200 videos in Virgin's eight Boeing 747s will also be fitted out for electronic gaming.

In-flight entertainment will also include other video games and a home shopping channel. American law prohibits gambling on US domestic flights, but Virgin's international services from Heathrow to New York and Los Angeles, and from Gatwick to Boston, Miami and Orlando, are expected to be exempt.

A Virgin spokeswoman said: "It's part of the philosophy of on-board entertainment.... We have always tried to be ahead of the game." Richard Branson, Virgin's owner, is regarded as a pioneer in airline comfort.

The new in-flight amusements come as Virgin launches a fresh campaign to tempt away British Airways passengers. It is wooing BA's frequent flyers with the offer of free and reduced-fare tickets, and plenty of free flying miles on its own frequent flyer programme.

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German economists expect just one more quarter of recession

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

THE recession in west Germany, Europe's economic powerhouse, shows signs of slowing down in the latest official figures, after the economy's sharpest decline in a quarter of century during the first three months of this year.

Frankfurt economists believe the economy faces a further, albeit smaller contraction in the current quarter, after the 3.2 per cent annual drop in the first quarter, before levelling out and starting to recover.

Günter Rexrodt, the German economics minister, said that the recession could prove Germany's worst for three decades. Chancellor Helmut Kohl's strategy for the 1994 elections is, however, based on renewed growth by this year.

Lloyd Bentsen, the American treasury secretary, used the annual meeting of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, in Paris, to press Germany and Japan to act to foster world growth, arguing that America's recovery was insufficient to lift the world economy.

With neither the Bonn government, nor the Bundesbank, in any mood to accommodate Washington's demands, it was better than expected jobs and industrial orders figures that confirmed the analysts' view that west Germany is not facing a further sharp spiral downwards.

Industrial orders rose a provisional 2.1 per cent in April after falling 2.7 per cent in March. The number of unemployed, adjusted for seasonal factors, rose from 2.2 million to 2.3 million in May, but unadjusted unemployment fell from 7.1 per cent to 6.9 per cent, probably reflecting warm weather. The number of workers on short time also dropped.

Stefan Schneider, chief economist at Nomura Research, said the data were a "a bit better" than expected. Although he expects the economy to contract 2.3 per cent this year, considerably more than the government, he said the recession was "decelerating" and the economy would start to climb in the fourth quarter.

The Japanese economy has already hit its low point and should start to recover soon, although doubts remain over how fast the recovery will be, according to a leading Japanese banker. Toyoo Gyohten, chairman of the Bank of Tokyo, told a foreign exchange dealers' conference in Helsinki that signs of recovery were only likely to be seen in the final quarter this year, or possibly not until early 1994.

Mr Gyohten said there were encouraging signs, such as the improvement in the stock market and in residential property. But he said that any recovery in commercial property could take several years.

Japan, which is under pressure from the United States to achieve a targeted reduction of its huge trade surplus, is reported to be planning to adopt a five-year programme to recycle $120 billion of the surplus to developing countries before the Group of Seven summit takes place in early July.



"Recession could be the worst in decades": Günter Rexrodt, the German economics minister

US jobless rate edges down to 18-month low

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

AMERICA'S unemployment rate declined last month to its lowest level for 18 months, but orders to US factories fell for the second consecutive month. These mixed figures failed to lift the gloom over recovery continuing at only a snail's pace under the threat of increased inflation.

The labour department said a boost in construction jobs helped reduce the unemployment rate from 7 per cent, where it had been stuck for three months running, to 6.9 per cent.

The jobs boost was attributed to the end of an unusually severe winter and the annual influx of students seeking work. Economists cautioned that another month would be needed to determine if the jobless drop was the start of a meaningful trend or no more than a statistical blip.

There were 209,000 more people on business payrolls in May, although more optimistic figures were found in a survey of households, which showed total employment had surged by 857,000, the biggest one-month gain for nine years.

Officials at the Bureau of Labour Statistics, pressed to explain the disparity, said the household figures, which include farmers and the self-employed, were generally not regarded as being as "hard" as the payroll figures and included spill-over from other months as well as a variety of seasonal variables.

The commerce department announced a 0.3 per cent fall in factory orders to a seasonally adjusted $253.5 billion following the sharp drop in March of 1.6 per cent. Economists had been hoping for a marginal gain of 0.1 to 0.2 per cent.

The backlog of unfilled orders fell from 1.1 per cent in March to 0.4 per cent, indicating that factories were having little difficulty in keeping up with the flow of new orders.

In another bad sign for future production, stocks of unsold goods rose 0.1 per cent, the third increase in a row.

These were not encouraging signs that the doldrums of the first quarter, when the economy grew by only 0.9 per cent, were being shaken off.

Dunhill slides on profits warning

BY SARAH BAGNALL

SHARES in Dunhill Holdings, the luxury goods group 56 per cent owned by Rothmans International, fell heavily yesterday as the group gave warning that "unless major economies improve in the near future" profits will fall. The shares lost 45p to 335p.

Lord Douro, chairman, said: "We issued the warning because sales figures in March, April and May have been disappointing and unless the economies of Japan and Germany, in particular, improve in the next few months we don't believe we can sustain profits."

The group, which markets watches, pens, leather goods, jewellery, clothes and fragrances under the Alfred Dunhill, Montblanc, Chloé, Hackett and Karl Lagerfeld brand names, unveiled a £5.3 million fall in pre-tax profits for the year to end-March to £70.7 million. At the operating level, profits remained flat at £55.5 million.

The figures, with the final dividend of 5.25p, were in line with market expectations but the profit warning prompted analysts to cut their forecasts for the current year. Ian Macdougall, at Nomura Research Institute Europe, said he was expecting profits of about £60 million but no dividend cut as the group has a healthy dividend cover and is cash-rich.

The group is particularly sensitive to overseas economies as 95 per cent of turnover originates from outside the UK. The Far East accounts for nearly half of sales and Dunhill has been hit hard by the marked downturn in Japanese consumer spending.

Lord Douro added: "My impression is that Japanese consumer spending is not expected to pick up until the end of the calendar year or the start of next year." This, he said, offered little benefit for the group's current financial year, which ends in March 1994. The situation in continental Europe, which accounts for a quarter of sales, is not much better. But Montblanc "achieved an excellent result", said Lord Douro, helped by its strong US presence, where weak signs of recovery are emerging.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

No police enquiry to be held at Hartstone

POLICE will not be called in at Hartstone, the leather and hosiery group that discovered financial irregularities this week. A board meeting held at Schroders, its financial adviser, decided to treat two separate issues involving a total of £310,000 as an internal matter. A senior executive alleged to have diverted £50,000 from a currency hedging operation into his own account avoided possible prosecution by owning up, a company source said.

Hartstone clarified Thursday night's statement that managers at a subsidiary had arranged to pay themselves £1 million over four years. Only the payment for 1992-3 had been made. The arrangement, apparently intended as an incentive bonus, was due to continue for the next three years but has been scrapped. The shares slipped 5p when the stock exchange opened but recovered to 39p, 2p down on the day. Shaun Dowling, the new chairman, faces a bridge-building exercise in the City after the third profit warning in three months.

Argentine trade boost

MICHAEL Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, said Britain would extend its export credit cover for Argentina to encourage closer trade and investment links, putting aside political tussles over the Falkland Islands. Mr Heseltine, in Argentina to meet political leaders and businessmen, said credit cover would be extended to £100 million a year. Britain would resume medium-term export cover because risks have diminished. The decision reflected recognition of Argentina's success at implementing economic reforms.

Burford £68 million buy

BURFORD Holdings, the property company, is making a £68 million purchase of 11 properties from Provident Mutual. The deal will be funded in part by a £42 million rights issue, with the balance to be drawn from a £44 million facility from Société Générale. Rental income on the portfolio is £6.1 million giving Burford an initial yield of 9 per cent. Shareholders are being offered 69.6 million shares on a 3 for 5 basis at 62p per share, a a discount of 16 per cent to the share price before the announcement.

Beauford loss deepens

BEAUFORD, the engineering group, made pre-tax losses of £26.4 million in 1992, compared with a £3.6 million loss in 1991, and is passing the dividend. Sir Trevor Holdsworth, chairman, emphasised that almost £21 million of the loss was due to goodwill write-offs after the adoption of new accounting standards, including FRS3, and has no effect on cash or net assets. Sir Trevor said the new board was selling subsidiaries with no prospect of viability. There had been no evidence of a recovery in demand in the first half of 1993.

Walker case for trial

CHARGES against George Walker, former chairman and chief executive of the leisure and property group Brent Walker, were yesterday transferred to Southwark Crown Court for trial. Mr Walker, 63, of Fobbing, Essex, and Wilfred Aquilina, 41, of Barnes, southwest London, the former group finance director, are charged in connection with the alleged theft of £12.5 million. Mr Walker and Mr Aquilina were given bail by Bow Street magistrates' court, in central London. A date for trial has yet to be fixed.

Bentalls scents victory

BENTALLS, the department stores group, is hoping for victory soon in its battle against an annual rates bill of £2.5 million, Edward Bentall, the chairman, told shareholders. "This year should see the resolution of our appeals against the uniform business rate," he told the annual meeting. "We are advised that we should receive a sizable reduction." He also expected a rebate for the last three years. On the current outlook for the group, he said, retail conditions looked brighter than last year. Sales were 7 per cent ahead.

LOFs earnings sink

LONDON and Overseas Freighters, the London-listed tanker company that moved its domicile to Bermuda last summer, announced that in the year to March 31, taxable profits fell to $1.85 million, compared with $2.66 million the previous year. The company says this was due to losses on *London Enterprise*, the new vessel acquired during the year. Trading profits on the two existing vessels, *London Spirit* and *London Victory*, were largely unchanged. There is a dividend of 2 cents (1.25 cents).

Hawtal Whiting slumps

THE worldwide woes of the motor industry have taken their toll on Hawtal Whiting, the car design and engineering group. It plunged £2.2 million into the red in 1992, compared with a pre-tax profit the previous year of £197,000. As the company faced difficult markets, from America to the UK and Germany, turnover fell by nearly 10 per cent to £56.4 million from £62.3 million. There were losses per share of 39.6p against losses of 0.9p last time. The dividend is passed. The shares dipped 5p to 38p.

Carr's Milling leaps

CARR'S Milling Industries, the Carlisle miller and animal feed maker, raised profits sharply in the first half despite continuing intense competition on bread prices. In the six months to end-February, taxable profits were £610,000 (£125,000) on turnover of £36.1 million (£36 million). Earnings jumped to 6.1p (1.2p), and the interim dividend stays at 1p. Carr's said significant cost-cutting measures last year helped to soften the impact of continuing "intense competition on selling prices in the bread baking industry".

Devro prepares for flotation

BY CARL MORTISHED

THE world's largest manufacturer of collagen sausage skins is coming to the market later this month, raising more than £80 million in an offer for sale that could value the group at up to £200 million.

Devro, based in Moodiesburn, Strathclyde, controls over 50 per cent of the world market in edible collagen products, selling sausage skins and edible film coating for prepared meats to food manufacturers, such as Walls, Kerrys and Northern Foods in the UK, as well as to America, Japan and Europe.

Devro's management and staff bought the company from Johnson & Johnson in April 1991 for £107 million with venture capital from Charterhouse Development, taking on £70 million of debt. Operating profits have increased from £17.6 million to £22.1 million in the year to December 31 on an 8 per cent rise in sales to £82.7 million. Graeme Alexander, Devro's technical director, is stepping into the chief executive's seat after flotation when Frank de Angeli retires. David Fyfe, a former director of Hickson International had been offered the job but institutions said they preferred Mr Alexander. Mr Fyfe was paid £390,000 compensation.

Over the last three years, Devro has increased operating margins from 22 per cent to 26 per cent, largely as a result of productivity gains at its factories in Scotland, America and Australia. Collagen is a protein extracted from under the hides of animals, and Devro reports that from a zero base 30 years ago, collagen now accounts for a third of £500 million world market in casings.



De Angeli: retiring

Europe angry at US stance on EBRD

BY COLIN NARBROUGH
WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

KEY European governments behind the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) have been angered by the openly hostile stance adopted by Lloyd Bentsen, the American treasury secretary, to the bank and to Jacques Attali, its French president.

Mr Bentsen made clear in remarks in Paris on Thursday that the Clinton administration is deeply concerned about the way the bank has used the funds available to it. Congress has already blocked part of the American capital commitment to the EBRD, which is based in London.

Although he indicated Washington wants the much-criticised M Attali replaced, he said it was up to European governments to remove him.

Anne Wibble, Swedish chairman of the EBRD's board of governors, is today expected to tell Mr Bentsen to await the outcome of an enquiry into all aspects of the bank's spending and budgetary procedures before pressing for changes. At a meeting in Stockholm, she will underline that the official enquiry that the governors have ordered must be allowed to run its proper course. The audit committee report is due in mid-July.

It is understood that Germany, whose finance minister, Theo Waigel, chaired the bank until this year, is particularly annoyed about the way in which the Americans are continuing to swipe at the bank.

The EBRD's recent annual meeting in London was dominated by the issue of lavish spending on the bank's City headquarters and staff, while disbursements to the target countries of eastern and central Europe remained tiny.

Hopes that the formal enquiry and the barrage of public criticism against M Attali would clear the air and allow the bank to get on with its business appear, however, to have been dashed by Mr Bentsen's remarks. One senior European official said he could see no useful purpose in "sniping from cover", as it would only discredit further what was a valuable institution.

Americans make up the biggest national contingent on the EBRD staff and American firms have been the most involved in the bank's projects. On Thursday, the bank signed a $40 million loan agreement for a private sector oil agreement in Russia with Anderman-Smith, a US exploration company.

EBRD figures support the view that the slow disbursement of funds in its first two years would soon gather pace. The £55.5 million spent on the bank's headquarters was attacked for being double the amount provided to central and eastern Europe up to the end of 1992.

By the end of last month, however, the EBRD had disbursed 230 million ecus (£182 million) for 34 projects. Approved projects totalled 95 worth 2.3 billion ecus. Total funds mobilised with EBRD involvement came to 10.63 billion ecus.

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Game 8	Thurs, September 23	Game 20	Thurs, October 21
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BUSINESS PROFILE: **Robert Studer**

Extrovert giant among the gnomes

Far from anonymity, the chief executive of Switzerland's biggest bank seeks world recognition, as **Neil Bennett** found

Popular mythology has it that Swiss bankers are rotund men who wear pince-nez and sit in darkened rooms waiting for unsavoury customers to deposit suitcases of cash in their numbered accounts. The gnomes of Zurich of Harold Wilson's rhetoric are supposed to be an introspective cabal who amass fortunes by manipulating the world's financial markets.

Few men shatter such a beguiling cliché as thoroughly as Robert Studer, chief executive of Union Bank of Switzerland. With his relaxed charm and athletic build he seems more like an airline pilot or army commander, not the head of Switzerland's most powerful financial institutions, with assets of SFr267 billion (£118 billion) under his responsibility, and a group profit of SFr1.34 billion last year.

Studer, naturally, rails against the popular image of the Swiss bank as the shady deposit-taker. "I think it is grossly unfair but I do not think it is going to change for some time. Every thriller comes up with a numbered account somewhere.

"The European Community issued recommendations against money laundering in 1991. These have been have been enforced in Switzerland since 1977. Swiss banks are amongst the top banks in the world in avoiding criminal money.

"It does not make business sense to have criminal money because one day it will become public knowledge and then it will be in the newspapers. There is plenty of money around the world which is honest."

Studer admits, however, that UBS must inevitably have undetected drug or arms proceeds in its deposits. "We are not the priests of the world, money normally ends up with banks. There is criminal money all over the world, you cannot avoid it. We certainly have criminal money, but I am convinced we are taking the most precautions against it."

UBS itself does a great deal more than take deposits in Zurich. In the past 15 years, it has expanded rapidly across the world. Today, it has more than half its assets outside Switzerland, controlled by 48 international offices and 5,500 employees. The international operations include UBS Ltd, formerly UBS Phillips & Drew, one of the City's largest securities houses.

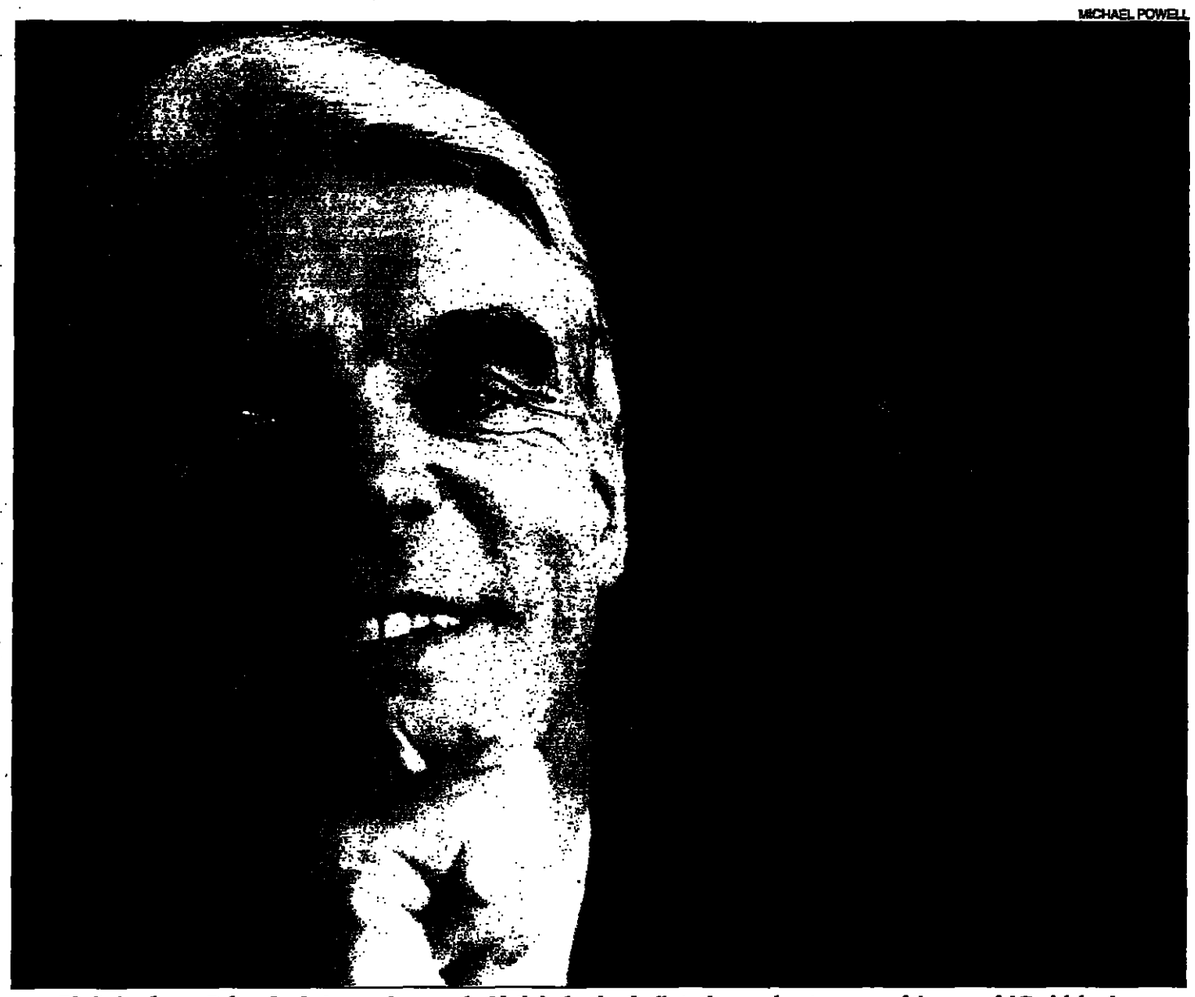
It was Studer's broad experience of UBS's international operations during his 36-year career with the bank that gave him the qualifications for the post of chief executive. While his career reads like a steady climb to the top of UBS's hierarchy, it was never planned that way. When he joined the bank's securities department at 19, he never intended to stay longer than a few months.

> **'It does not make business sense to have criminal money ... there is plenty of honest money around the world**

"I joined the bank because I wanted to get some banking experience from the inside. My target was industry." Before joining the bank, Studer completed a commercial apprenticeship in a commodities import firm but it was a business he would never return to. He soon decided to stay at UBS. "Unless you work in a bank you never know how fascinating it is."

Studer realised early on that the bank's future lay in the international marketplace and began to pester his seniors for overseas training. "I wanted international experience and I had to ask for it; I had to push for it and I had to insist on it because it was not routine." He was eventually sent to study at the London Business School and then to New York as a trainee broker in a firm that is now part of Smith Barney.

When he returned to Zurich he worked in private banking before being selected, at the age of 31, to run the bank's office in Beirut. In the sixties, Beirut was the Middle East's main financial centre, and the UBS office there profited from the growing East-West flow of trade finance. After that, Studer worked in a series of posts, each more senior than the last.



MICHAEL POWELL

Big Swiss cheese: Robert Studer's easy charm and athletic looks give the lie to the popular stereotype of the powerful Zurich banker

His main break came in the mid-seventies when he was drafted in to clear up heavy losses in UBS's foreign exchange department even though he had no experience of foreign exchange. He succeeded in turning the operations around and was rewarded with the titles senior vice-president, then deputy executive vice-president.

As befits the head of an international bank, Studer is a committed Europhile. He is strongly in favour of Switzerland moving closer to the EC, and even believes that the Swiss franc will eventually become part of a single European currency. Such a belief would have been branded as heresy by his predecessors, who regarded the Swiss franc as the inviolable rock on which their financial probity was founded.

Studer was therefore bitterly disappointed at the result of the country's referendum last December which determined that Switzerland should not join the European Economic Area. "We are naturally part of Europe," he said. "Membership would have guaranteed that Swiss businesses could have operated in Europe under the same conditions as companies within the European Community. We would not have given up neutrality but have been part of the European economic space.

"My vision of Europe is one of regions where few things are centralised apart from security and environmental considerations. In a Europe of regions, Switzerland has its place."

In reality, UBS has little choice but to expand internationally: its domestic business is far from promising even though it is the market leader. Switzerland is one of the most overbanked markets in the world — even allowing for Swiss banks' famously large foreign custom — and, as a result, one of the least profitable. Many of the banks are small and loss-making, and are steadily being taken over by their larger rivals. Studer believes the process of consolidation in the industry must continue. There are still 600 banks in Switzerland, and he believes 100 or even 200 will disappear within the next ten years. "We clearly have too many banks. There is not enough qualified management for all these banks. The expenses for running a bank are too high to be in plain, vanilla banking. If you are a small, plain bank I don't think you are going to make it."

So UBS is devoting its resources to the world's capital markets with the goal of servicing the financial requirements of the world's largest companies. Its progress is helped by the fact it is one of the strongest capitalised banks in the world, mainly thanks to Switzerland's draconian regulatory regime. UBS has a risk/asset ratio of better than twice the international minimum. Businesses such as options trading, asset management and corporate finance are also relatively risk-free compared with the perils of straightforward commercial lending, in which UBS, like every other international bank, has suffered its share of bad debts in recent years.

The bank also owns one of the rarest commodities in world banking today, a triple-A rating from all the major agencies, a rating lost last year by UBS's two main Swiss competitors, Crédit Suisse and Swiss Bank Corporation. The rating makes the bank one of only a handful of the world's most creditworthy institutions.

Like almost all other banks, however, UBS has suffered its fair share of trauma in its international expansion. One of the most unpleasant episodes was with Phillips & Drew, the London stockbroker bought by the bank in 1986. The bank has never disclosed the price but it was thought to be around £80 million.

After the initial deal, UBS failed to take management control of P&D, which plunged to losses of £115 million for the 21 months to the end of 1988. Even worse, P&D became embroiled in the Blue Arrow affair and ended up defending itself in court. Such exposure must have been almost intolerable for a shy Swiss financial institution. Many thought UBS would close the business down, but instead it slowly turned the operations around.

"Would we do it again?" Studer remarked. "Yes, hopefully we would not make the same mistakes. But if you make decisions you are going to make mistakes some of the time.

"There is going to be globalisation in everything from financial markets to car production. The choice for us was either to be a Swiss bank or a Swiss bank operating internationally. Europe is moving ahead and we are convinced that London is going to be the most important financial centre in Europe."

Studer is determined to carry the globalisation of UBS further, and wants to expand the bank's presence in East Asia. "I want UBS to be recognised globally as one of the few well managed, universal banks which provide a quality service." An ambition worthy of a new breed of Swiss banker.

Bookmakers see green shoots in the turf as average stake rises

By Martin Flanagan



Steinberg: "encouraging"

ONE of the more unsung indicators of economic confidence — Britain's bookmakers — are spotting the odd green shoot. The country's leading turf accountants are seeing initial signs that returning consumer confidence has produced a greater inclination to have a flutter.

A spokesman for Corals, which is owned by Bass, said: "Bookmaking does tend to be a good indicator of the economy and it's true we have noticed in the past couple of months a slight increase in confidence. A year ago we were seeing a fairly constant decline in the average stake per betting slip. That flattened out round about last October and recently the average stake has been moving up by a few pennies."

The average bet in the nation's high street bookies is £4-£5. Leonard Steinberg, chairman of Stanley Leisure, Britain's fourth-biggest bookmaker, also said there had been an upward movement in recent months. "It is not major but encouraging," he said.

Mr Steinberg added that the increase in the average stake in the early months of this year was about 4-5 per cent.

Ladbrokes, the country's biggest bookmaker, confirmed that, if having a gamble is the touchstone, Britain's consumers are feeling more sanguine about future prospects for the economy. A spokesman said in the first four months of 1993 Ladbrokes had been trading ahead of the same time last year.

"On a betting slip for slip basis we are showing growth," he said. The spokesman said that bookmakers would also benefit increasingly from evening opening of betting shops, which has been allowed since April, as the quality of summer evening race meetings improved.

"We think this will get more and more successful," the spokesman added.

Official figures back up the evidence from the high street.

A spokesman for the Customs and Excise department said that the total amount of taxed stakes going over the counter at United Kingdom bookmakers and the Tote in 1991-2 — the latest figures available — was £6.03 billion.

This compares with a figure of £5.99 billion in the previous 12 months.

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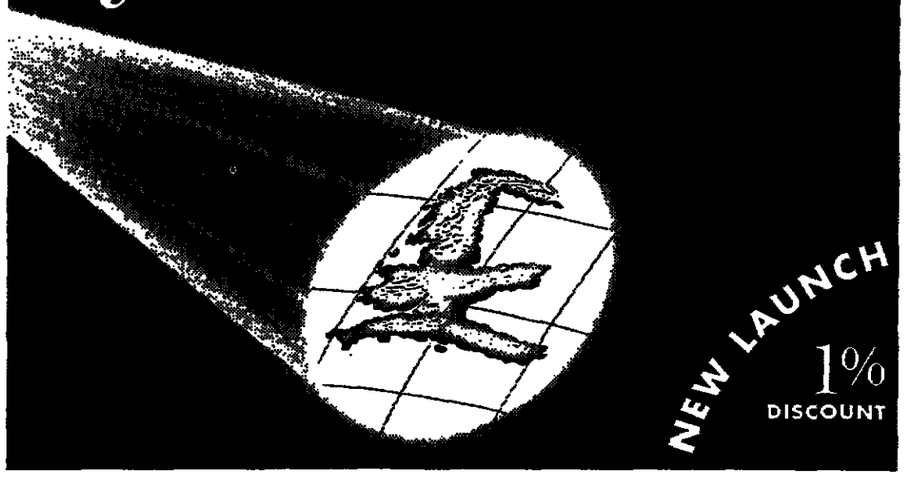
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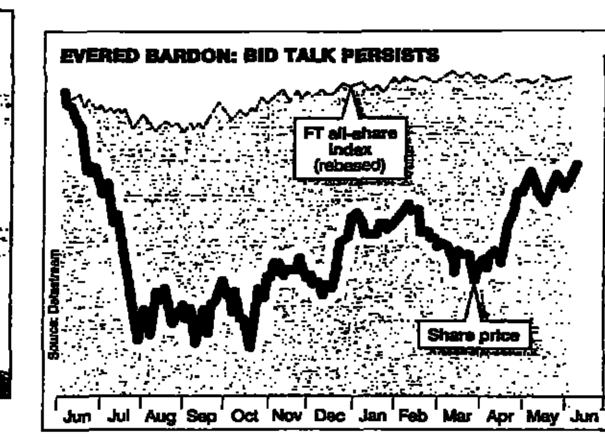
STOCK MARKET

Bid talk lifts insurance sector

THE insurance sector burst back into life as bid talk began to circulate in the Square Mile on the back of this week's news that French/South African-owned **Transatlantic Holdings** had increased its stake in **Sun Alliance**.

On Wednesday, Transatlantic bought a further 400,000 Sun Alliance shares, taking its holding to more than 3 per cent. Transatlantic owns 50 per cent of the rival **Sun Life** life insurance company, and it is hoped that it will continue adding to its holding in Sun Alliance, which finished 15p up at 350p yesterday.


Tom: may want buyer



The hint of speculative buying was enough to revive the sector. Among composites, the takeover favourite **Commercial Union** rose 12p to 588p. There were also gains for **General Accident**, 11p to 582p, **Guardian Royal Exchange**, 3p to 178p, and **Royal Insurance**, 4p to 289p.

The rest of the market had a fairly lacklustre end to the account, with the FT-SE 100 index closing near the day's worst, down 22.9 at 2,829.9. The index has risen 17.7 points in the two-week period.

Traders seemed mostly preoccupied with events on Wall Street, where there is concern about the possibility of a sharp correction before too long. However, a modest fall when trading resumed showed that many fears had been misplaced, for the time being at least. Once again, trading conditions were described as thin, with only 625 million shares changing hands.

Talk of a chart break-out lifted **Forte** 7p to 207p. The stockbroker Kleinwort Benson has also been pushing Forte, ending its bearish stance.

However, Kleinwort is making bearish noises about **BT** and its proposed purchase of a 20 per cent stake in MCI. BT ended 11p lower at 411p.

Evered Bardon, the aggregates group, advanced 3p to 58p on revived speculative buying that saw almost 8 million shares change hands. There has been talk this week that Peter Tom, chief executive, may be looking for a buyer for his family's stake in the company. He is reckoned to have had talks with **RMC Group**, up 5p at 757p. However, the speculators claim that someone else may now have thrown a hat in the ring. Evered Bardon has been hit hard by the recession and last month announced that the dividend would be cut.

Securiguard, the industrial cleaning, security and services group fighting an unwanted offer of 270p cash from **Rentokil**, rose 4p to 302p. The group this week again rejected Rentokil, describing its terms as derisory. Institutions accounting for about half the issued share capital are said to be looking for an offer of least 350p a share. Rentokil has been criticised in some quarters for diversifying from high-margin businesses in which it has expertise into low-margin operations in which it lacks experience.

Chloride marked time at 17½p, with a further 638,000 shares traded. The shares traded around 14p last account. It looks as if someone expects figures due on June 17 to make pleasant reading.

Dunhill Holdings, the luxury goods group, tumbled 44p to 335p after issuing full-year figures at the bottom end of the range and making cautious comments about current trading prospects.

Burford Holdings, the property developer, managed to firm 1½p to 75½p after announcing plans to raise almost £42 million by a three-for-five rights issue at 62p. Proceeds will help to finance acquisition of 11 properties from **Provident Mutual** for £68.15 million cash. The balance will met from a new £44 million seven-year banking facility with Société Générale.

Nigel Wray, chairman, said that the high level of rental income from the deal would strengthen earnings.

MICHAEL CLARK

Three-day rise halted in Tokyo

Tokyo — shares ended lower after a see-saw session. Profit-taking wiped away early gains and stemmed a three-day rise. Position adjustments ahead of the weekend also dampened prices, but downward pressure from arbitrage unwinding was dissipating after affecting the market for the past few weeks, brokers said.

The Nikkei index fell 193.76 points, or 0.92 per cent, to 20,882.24.

Kenichi Nagasu, of Cosmo Securities, said: "There wasn't enough momentum to boost the whole market to new year-highs, but there was a fair amount of buying in some banking and blue chip shares."

The Nikkei surged in the late morning to a high of 21,222.77, almost reaching the 21,224.78 marked on May 11, the highest level since March last year. Brokers say that this level will be tested again early next week.

The wedding of Crown Prince Naruhito on Wednesday will shorten the week's trading, but traders hope it will encourage celebratory buying. *(Reuter)*

New York — Wall Street shares were trading lower at midday, with a weak bond market. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 7.48 at 3,537.39, with most institutions on the sidelines.

What strength the Dow had, came mostly from General Motors and Alcoa, analysts said.

☐ **Singapore** — Shares ended steadier. The Straits Times index closed at 1,870.88, up 1.40 from Thursday, when there was negative sentiment from Malaysia, where forced selling hit prices. *(Reuter)*

Stock	June 4 midday	June 3 close
AMP Inc	61	61
AMR Corp	71	71
Abbott Labs	26	27
Aetna Life	54	54
Ahmanson (HF)	18	18
Air Prod & Chem	42	43
Albertson's	53	53
Alcan Alumnm	19	19
Alco Standard	48	49
Allied Signal	65	65
Alum Co of Am	70	69
Amax	22	22
Amerada Hess	54	54
Amer Brands	32	33
Amer Cyanamid	51	52
Amer El Power	35	35
Amer Express	28	28
Amer Genl Corp	30	31
Amer Home Pr	65	66
Amer Intl	129	129
Amer Stores	42	42
Amer T & T	61	61
Ameritech	73	73
Amoco	56	56
Anheuser-Busch	52	52
Apple Computer	55	56
Archer Daniels	23	24
Arkla	10	10
Armco	7	7
Armstrng Wrld	30	30
Asarco	20	19
Ashland Oil	26	26
Atl Richfield	125	125
Auto Data Pro	49	49
Avery Dennison	30	30
Avon Products	55	55
Baker Hughes	29	29
Baltim Gas & El	24	25
Banc One	53	53
BankAmerica	42	43
Bank of NY	54	55
Bankers Tr NY	71	72
Barnett Banks	45	46
Bausch & Lomb	52	52
Baxter Intl	29	29
Bectn Dicknsn	37	37
Bell Atlantic	54	55
BellSouth	53	53
Black & Decker	21	21
Block (H&R)	35	35
Boeing	39	39
Boise Cascade	26	26
Borden Inc	19	19
Bristol Myrs Sq	59	59
Browning Ferris	27	28
Burlington Nthn	51	51
CBS	247	250
CNA Financial	92	93
CPC Ind	42	42
CSX	70	71
Campbell Soup	39	39
Can Pacific	16	16
Cptl Cities ABC	533	534
Cptl Holdings	38	38
Carolina Pwr	31	32
Caterpillar	74	74
Central & SW	31	32
Champion Intl	33	33
Chase Manhat	29	30
Chemical Bk	36	37
Chevron Corp	88	89
Chrysler	46	46
Chubb Corp	86	86
Cigna Corp	59	59
Citicorp	27	28
Clorox	49	49
Coastal Corp	28	27
Coca Cola	41	41
Colgate-Palmolive	55	56
Columbia Gas	25	24
Commonw Ed	27	27
Compaq Comp	61	61
Comp Ass Intl	27	27
Conagra	25	26
Cons Edison	34	34
Cons Nat Gas	52	53
Cons Rail	53	53
Cooper Inds	50	50
Corning Inc	33	34
Crown Cork	39	39
Dana Corp	53	52
Dayton Hudson	67	66
Deere	64	64
Delta Air Lines	57	57
Deluxe Corp	45	46
Detroit Edison	35	35
Digital Equip	43	43
Dillard Dept St	39	40
Disney (Walt)	44	44
Dominion Res	42	43
Donelley (RR)	29	29
Dover Corp	47	47
Dow Chemicals	58	57
Dow Jones	29	29
Dresser	23	23
Duke Power	38	38
Dun & Bradstreet	59	59
Du Pont	51	52
Eastman Kodak	50	50
Eaton Corp	89	89

Stock	June 4 midday	June 3 close
Emerson Elec	61	61
Engelhard Corp	36	35
Enron Corp	59	59
Enserch Corp	34	35
Ethyl Corp	28	29
Exxon	64	65
FMC Corp	44	45
FPL Group	37	37
Federal Express	46	45
Fed Nat Mtge	76	76
First Chicago	37	38
First Interstate	55	57
Frst Union Rlty	9	9
Fleet Fnl Grp	29	30
Fluor Corp	41	41
Ford Motor	55	55
GTE Corp	35	35
Gannett	51	51
Gap Inc Del	34	34
Gen Cinema	35	35
Gen Dynamics	95	95
Gen Electric	93	94
Gen Mills	65	65
Gen Motors	41	41
Gen Reinsurance	114	114
Gen Signal	69	69
Genuine Parts	36	37
Georgia Pac	62	64
Gillette	49	50
Glaxo ADR	17	18
Goodrich (BF)	44	45
Goodyear Tire	40	40
Grace (W&R)	40	40
Gt Atl Pac Tea	34	35
Great Wstn Fin	16	16
Halliburton	43	43
Heinz (HJ)	37	37
Hercules	74	74
Hershey Foods	50	51
Hewlett Packard	87	86
Hilton Hotels	52	53
Home Depot	44	45
Homestake Mng	18	18
Honeywell	37	37
Household Ind	69	70
Houston Inds	44	44
Humana	11	12
ITT Corp	83	84
Illinois Tool	74	75
INCO	22	22
Ingersoll Rand	34	34
Inland Steel	25	25
Intel Corp	113	113
IBM	53	53
Intl Flav & Fr	116	116
Intl Paper	67	67
James River Va	23	23
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	42	43
K Mart	22	22
Kellogg	52	51
Kerr-McGee	52	52
Kimberly-Clark	46	46
Knight-Ridder	55	55
Lilly (Eli)	49	50
Limited Inc	24	24
LIN Brdcstng	98	99
Lincoln Nat	75	76
Litton	58	58
Liz Claiborne	32	32
Lockheed Corp	62	62
Louisiana Pac	66	67
MCI Commun	54	55
Marriott	25	26
Marsh & McLen	88	89
Masco Corp	31	31
May Dept St	72	73
Maytag Corp	15	15
McCaw Cellular	44	43
McDonalds	50	51
McDonnell D	67	67
McGraw Hill	58	59
Mead Corp	45	46
Medtronic	68	68
Mellon Bk	53	54
Melville Corp	46	46
Merck Inc	36	36
Merrill Lynch	75	76
Minnesota Mine	115	115
Mobil Corp	70	70
Monsanto	57	58
Morgan (JP)	65	66
Motorola Inc	85	85
Natl Medical	9	9
Natl Semi	15	15
Natl Service Ind	25	26
Navistar Intl	2	2
NBD Bancorp	30	30
NY Times A	28	28
Newmont Mng	51	51
Niag Mohawk	23	23
Nike B	72	72
NL Industries	4	4
Nordstrom	29	29
Norfolk Sthrn	62	61
Nthn State Pwr	45	45
Norwest Corp	48	48
Nynex Corp	84	85
Occidental Pet	22	22
Ohio Edison	24	24
Oracle Systems	43	45

Stock	June 4 midday	June 3 close
Oryx Energy Co	23	22
Owens Corning	41	41
PNC Financial	31	31
PPG Industries	72	72
Paccar Inc	56	56
Pacificorp	17	17
Pac Enterprises	24	24
Pac Gas & Elect	34	34
Pac Telesis	48	49
Pall Corp	18	18
Panhandle East	22	22
Paramnt Comm	54	54
Parker Hannifin	37	37
Penney (JC)	47	47
Pennzoil	65	65
Pepsico	35	36
Pfizer	70	71
Phelps Dodge	46	46
Philadel Elec	29	29
Philip Morris	50	50
Phillips Pet	31	32
Pitney Bowes	42	42
Polaroid	36	36
Price Co	29	29
Primerica	46	46
Procter & Gmbl	48	48
Pub Serv E & G	33	33
Quaker Oats	73	72
Ralston Purina	45	44
Raychem Corp	45	45
Raytheon	56	56
Reebok Intl	35	35
Reynolds Metals	46	46
Roadway Srvcs	53	54
Rockwell Intl	31	32
Rohm & Haas	58	58
Royal Dutch	91	92
Rubbermaid	32	32
Safeco Corp	57	57
St Paul's Cos	81	81
Salomon Inc	36	36
Santa Fe S Pac	16	16
Sara Lee Corp	24	25
Seecorp	48	48
Schering Plough	63	64
Schlumberger	66	66
Scott Paper	35	36
Seagram	26	26
Sears Roebuck	53	54
Shell Trans	56	57
Sherwin Wllms	31	31
Skyline Corp	17	17
Snap-On-Tools	37	38
Southern Co	40	41
Stwestern Bell	38	38
Sprint Corp	31	31
Stanley Works	45	45
Sun Company	25	25
Suntrust	44	44
Supervalu	33	33
Syntex Corp	19	19
Sysco Corp	26	26
TRW Inc	67	68
Tandem Comp	13	13
Tandy Corp	31	30
Telecom Corp	4	3
Teledyne	20	20
Temple Inland	45	46
Tenneco	48	49
Texaco	64	64
Texas Inst	66	67
Texas Utilities	45	46
Textron	53	54
Time Warner	38	38
Times-Mirror	30	31
Timken	31	31
Torchmark	55	55
Toys R Us	39	39
Transamerica	49	50
Travelers Corp	29	29
Tribune	53	53
Tyco Labs	41	41
UAL Corp	137	136
UST Inc	29	30
USX Marathon	18	18
Unilever NV	106	107
Union Camp	43	44
Union Carbide	18	18
Union Pacific	61	60
Unisys Corp	12	12
USAIR Group	22	21
USF&G Corp	16	16
US Life	39	39
US West	43	43
United Tech	53	53
Unocal Corp	31	32
Upjohn	29	29
VF Corp	48	48
WMX Tech	36	36
Wal-Mart Stores	26	27
Warner-Lambert	69	70
Wells Fargo	102	100
Westinghouse El	14	15
Weyerhaeuser	44	44
Whirlpool	55	55
Whitman	19	13
Winn Dixie	56	57
Woolworth	28	28
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	35	35
Xerox	75	76

BRITISH FUNDS

TURNOVER levels slumped to some of the lowest of the year on the bond market as the Bank of England continued to issue stock as part of the government's funding programme. Three tranches of existing stock totalling £600 million were issued, including £200 million each of Treasury 7¼ per cent 1998, Treasury 9¾ per cent 2002 and Treasury 9 per cent 2012. Dealings begin on Monday.

Business on the futures market was low key with less than 11,000 contracts traded as the September series of the long gilt fell seven ticks to £103¹⁷/₃₂. Prices on the cash market were dragged lower in late business along with European bond markets.

In longs, benchmark Treasury 9 per cent 2012 eased £⅛ to 104⁵/₁₆. At the shorter end, Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998 was a couple of ticks easier at £109¹⁹/₃₂.

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
103	100	Treas 12½% 1993	100	-	12.40	5.60
100	99	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	6.00	5.71
106	103	Treas 13¾% 1993	103	-	13.26	5.50
102	101	Treas 8¼% 1994	101	...	8.35	5.60
109	106	Treas 14½% 1994	106	...	13.64	5.50
109	106	Exch 13½% 1994	106	...	12.64	5.48
105	104	Treas 10% 1994	104 †	...	9.60	5.63
110	107	Exch 12½% 1994	107	...	11.60	5.74
105	103	Treas 9% 1994	104	+	8.64	5.91
111	108	Treas 12% 1995	109	...	11.00	6.09
96	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	95	...	3.14	5.52
109	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	107	...	9.51	6.27
116	113	Treas 12¾% 1995	114	...	11.17	6.40
120	117	Treas 14% 1996	117	...	11.92	6.67
125	121	Treas 15¼% 1996	121	...	12.50	6.80
120	116	Exch 13¼% 1996	116	...	11.34	6.80
111	108	Conv 10% 1996	109	...	9.13	6.83
122	118	Treas 13¼% 1997	119	...	11.10	6.80
113	110	Exch 10½% 1997	111	...	9.45	7.04
108	105	Treas 8¾% 1997	106	...	8.25	7.04
132	127	Exch 15% 1997	128	...	11.70	7.36
112	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	109	+	8.90	7.26
103	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	100	...	7.20	7.07
101	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	98	...	6.84	7.05
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
138	133	Treas 15½% 1998	134	...	11.55	7.55
122	118	Exch 12% 1998	119	...	10.08	7.64
112	108	Treas 9½% 1999	109	...	8.71	7.49
124	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	120	...	10.15	7.74
117	112	Treas 10½% 1999	113	...	9.24	7.60
117	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	112	...	9.08	7.66
110	106	Conv 9% 2000	107	...	8.41	7.63
131	125	Treas 13% 2000	126	+	10.28	8.03
115	109	Treas 10% 2001	111	-	8.97	7.99
129	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	125	...	11.14	7.67
114	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	110	-	8.83	8.12
103	97	Treas 8% 2003	99	-	8.02	8.03
116	109	Treas 10% 2003	112	-	8.92	8.22

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
122	116	Treas 11½% 2001-04	118	-	9.72	8.26
74	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	70	-	4.96	7.46
112	105	Conv 9½% 2004	108	-	8.76	8.30
112	105	Conv 9½% 2005	108	-	8.75	8.35
131	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	126	-	9.86	8.56
101	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	97	-	8.21	8.35
125	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	120	-	9.72	8.52
104	97	Treas 8½% 2007	100	-	8.42	8.39
139	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	134	-	10.06	8.57
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
108	101	Treas 9% 2008	105	-	8.57	8.41
99	92	Treas 8% 2009	96	-	8.33	8.46
108	100	Conv 9% 2011	104	-	8.63	8.52
108	100	Treas 9% 2012	104	-	8.63	8.53
76	70	Treas 5½% 2008-12	73	-	7.48	8.25
97	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	92	-	8.40	8.53
135	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	130 †	-	9.20	8.77
105	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	101	-	8.60	8.57
		UNDATED				
48	43	Consols 4%	46	+	8.63	...
42	38	War Ln 3½%	40	-	8.62	...
63	60	Conv 3½%	62	+1	5.59	...
31	28	Consols 2½%	30	+	8.13	...
30	27	Treas 2½%	29	+	8.58	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
134	131	Treas IL 2% 1994	134	+	...	1.34
197	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	196	-	2.05	2.83
109	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108	-	2.42	3.01
166	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165	...	2.93	3.27
163	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	161	-	3.03	3.32
111	105	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	109	-	3.15	3.43
170	159	Treas IL 2% 2006	168	-	3.15	3.37
154	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	152	-	3.31	3.51
159	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	157	-	3.38	3.55
131	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	129	-	3.43	3.59
139	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	137	-	3.49	3.65
133	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	132	-	3.54	3.68
111	102	Treas IL 2½% 2024	109	-	3.55	3.68
111	103	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	110	-	3.57	3.69

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:		FALLS:	
VSEL	803p (+8p)	Greene King	545p (-9p)
Wellcome	760p (+8p)	Vosper Thorny	579p (-10p)
Commercial Union	588p (+12p)	Inchcape	581p (-10p)
General Accident	582p (+11p)	Redland	484p (-9p)
Liberty Life	882p (+17p)	Fairline Boats	250p (-59p)
Lloyd Thomp	293p (+13p)	Tibbet & Britten	735p (-8p)
Sun Alliance	350p (+15p)	Blenheim Group	478p (-7p)
FR Group	273p (+9p)	Leeds	476p (-7p)
Ranger	390p (+10p)	Rothmans 'B'	610p (-9p)
Sappi	443p (+17p)		
Courtauld Text	565p (+8p)		

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RECENT ISSUES

Break for the Border (48)	58	...	Zeneca (600)	621	-5
Bruntcliffe Aggregates (25)	33	...	**RIGHTS ISSUES**		
China Inv Trust (100)	93	-2	Avon Rubber n/p (440)	47	...
China Inv Warrants	51	...	BTP n/p (165)	57	...
Division Group (40)	92	-2	British Airways n/p (245)	52	-1
Drew Scientific (105)	128	-7	British Land n/p (245)	72	+4
Inveresk (150)	170	+1	Compass n/p (420)	69	-4
Irish Continental	160	...	Conrad Ritblat SG n/p (28)	18	+4
OGC (130)	125	+1	Countryside Prop n/p (106)	19	...
Phonelink (155)	233	+8	Davenport Vernon n/p (125)	12	+2
Pilkington Warrants	34¼	...	Graystone n/p (8)	¼	...
RPC (125)	161	-1	Harmony Leisure n/p (5)	2¼	...

UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
AEGON LIFE ASSURANCE Aegon House, Lanark Square, London E14 9XS 071 538 8880				
Series Mngd Fd	389.50	412.20	+2.20	...
Series Equity	487.80	516.20	+2.70	...
Series Prop Fd	392.00	414.90	+1.40	...
Series Fixed Int	306.80	324.70	+0.30	...
Series Money Fd	239.30	253.30	+0.10	...
Series Oseas Fd	300.90	318.50	+2.60	...
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE 2-12 Pentonville Road, London N1 9XD 0800 010575				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	17.16	18.07	+0.02	...
Bear	17.84	18.78	...	...
Owl	17.67	18.60	...	...
Bull	16.00	16.85	+0.02	...
Stag	16.81	17.70	+0.10	...
Gilt Edged	17.55	17.55	+0.02	...
Deposit	15.14	15.14	+0.01	...
Pensions				
Squirrel	22.79	23.99	+0.03	...
Bear	23.64	24.89	...	...
Owl	23.30	24.53	+0.01	...
Bull	19.98	21.04	+0.03	...
Stag	20.37	21.45	+0.14	...
Gilt Edged	21.46	21.46	+0.04	...
Deposit	19.13	19.13	+0.02	...
Pre 1982 Series				
3-Way Fund	518.17	518.18	+3.35	...
1982 Series				
UK Equity	309.86	326.17	+1.90	...
N Amer Equity	273.27	287.66	+0.17	...
Far East Equity	366.87	386.18	+1.19	...
Fixed	274.49	288.94	+0.39	...
Cash Deposit	194.64	204.89	+0.18	...
Property	116.44	122.57	+3.85	...
Special Opp	332.06	349.54	+2.37	...
Managed	271.53	285.83	+1.29	...
Index-Linked Fd	184.49	194.21	-0.05	...
ABBEY LIFE Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0202 292373				
Property Fd Inc	249.80	263.00	...	...
-do- Acc	439.50	462.70	...	...
Equity Fd Inc	155.90	164.20	+0.50	...
-do- Acc	197.00	207.40	+0.50	...
Selective Fd	436.70	459.70	+0.10	...
Money Fd	356.70	375.50	+0.30	...
Prop Fd Ser 4	343.10	361.20	...	...
Equity Ser 4	193.40	203.60	+0.60	...
Man Ser 4	593.90	625.20	+1.20	...
Conv Ser 4	312.70	329.20	+0.20	...
Money Ser 4	312.40	328.90	+0.20	...
Fixed Int Ser 4	320.90	337.80	-0.20	...
American Ser 4	467.90	492.60	+2.20	...
High Inc Ser 4	585.50	616.40	-0.60	...
Indexed Inv Ser 4	197.60	208.10	-0.20	...
Japan Ser 4	362.70	381.80	+6.40	...
ALBANY LIFE 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	1401.8	1475.5	+9.40	...
European Fd Acc	303.40	319.30	+2.50	...
Fixed Int Acc	484.30	509.70	+1.80	...
Gtd Money Acc	318.20	334.90	+0.20	...
Intl Managed Acc	524.40	551.90	+4.40	...
Int Fxd Int Acc	312.10	328.40	+2.20	...
Japan Fund	293.60	309.10	+3.60	...
N American Acc	298.20	313.90	+2.30	...
Prop Fd Acc	365.80	385.00	+0.40	...
Multiple Inv Acc	933.00	982.10	+5.90	...
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Swindon SN1 1EL 0793 514514				
Fxd Int Dep Acc	354.10	372.80	+0.10	...
Equity Acc	1229.4	1294.7	+4.00	...
Property Acc	470.10	494.90	+1.00	...
Far East Acc	263.60	277.50	+1.20	...
Managed Capital	478.50	503.70	-0.10	...
-do- Acc	947.00	996.90	+2.20	...
Overseas Acc	822.70	866.00	+2.00	...
Gilt Edged Acc	432.60	455.40	-0.30	...
Amer Equity Acc	700.50	737.40	+7.80	...
Amer Man Acc	300.90	316.80	+2.20	...
Amer Prop Acc	112.70	118.70	+1.20	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASSURANCE Amersham Road, High Wycombe, Bucks 0494 463463				
Reserve Ser 5	134.90	142.00	+0.40	...
Balced Ser 5	619.90	652.50	+9.80	...
Opportunity Ser 5	138.20	145.40	+0.10	...
UK Equities Ser 5	845.00	889.40	+1.20	...
Higher Inc Ser 5	886.80	933.40	-0.40	...
North Amer Ser 5	423.40	445.60	+2.60	...
Far East Ser 5	494.00	519.90	-0.30	...
Europe Ser 5	304.00	320.00	+3.50	...
Intnl Ser 5	503.10	529.50	-3.80	...
Property Ser 5	453.80	477.60	-0.40	...
Fixed Int Ser 5	386.20	406.50	-1.60	...
Ind-Lnkd Sec S5	172.60	181.60	+0.20	...
Gteed Dep Ser 5	282.00	296.80	+0.30	...
BARCLAYS LIFE 252 Romford Road, London E7 9JB 081 534 5544				
Equity Acc	738.00	776.90	+2.10	...
-do- Initial	513.90	541.00	+1.50	...
Gilt Edged Acc	359.40	378.40	+0.40	...
-do- Initial	252.50	265.80	-0.30	...
International Acc	356.30	375.10	+3.00	...
-do- Initial	248.70	261.80	+2.10	...
Managed Acc	463.70	488.20	+1.90	...
-do- Initial	324.20	341.30	+1.30	...
Money Acc	277.40	292.10	+0.20	...
Property Acc	253.20	266.60	+0.30	...
-do- Initial	175.90	185.20	+0.10	...
America Acc	269.80	284.00	-2.10	...
Australia Acc	172.40	181.50	-3.40	...
Financial Acc	275.20	289.70	-4.00	...
500 Accum	398.00	419.00	+0.80	...
Japan Genl Acc	368.60	388.00	-10.30	...
Income Acc	461.30	485.60	+2.00	...
Leisure Acc	192.80	203.00	+1.30	...
Special Sits Acc	302.00	312.70	+1.80	...
Unit Tech Acc	152.03	[illegible]	+1.70	...
BLACK HORSE LIFE Mountbatten House, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834000				
The Managed Fd	711.56	711.56	+2.18	...
Income Fund	676.35	711.95	+0.85	...
Extra Income	618.28	650.83	+1.36	...
Worldwide Gth	439.76	462.91	+2.06	...
Balanced Fund	587.61	618.54	+2.04	...
Smllr Cos Recov	610.48	642.62	+1.83	...
N Amer & Genrl	350.97	369.45	+1.50	...
Pacific Basin	350.13	368.56	-4.66	...
German Growth	191.25	201.32	+3.76	...
Japan Growth	173.24	182.36	+3.47	...
The UK Gth Fd	186.74	196.57	-0.28	...
Contl Euro Gth	103.70	109.16	+1.11	...
Property Fund	339.76	357.65	-0.29	...
Fixed Interest	285.49	300.52	-0.75	...
Cash Fund	270.16	284.38	+0.18	...
Managed Inv	434.99	457.89	+1.31	...
Nth Amer Recov	236.45	248.90	+0.93	...
Abtrust Fund				
Managed Grth	397.76	418.70	+2.25	...
BRITANNIA LIFE ASSURANCE PO Box 37, Greenock, Renfrewshire 0475 868000				
Measured Perf	140.30	148.50	+0.70	...
Performance Plus	136.70	144.70	+0.70	...
With Profit Perf	160.90	170.30	+0.30	...
UK Opportunity	159.40	168.70	+1.70	...
Euro Opportunity	174.80	185.00	+1.20	...
North Amer Opp	132.40	140.10	+0.30	...
Far East Opp	159.30	168.60	+0.30	...
Gwth Prop Ser 1	152.00	160.00	...	...
Gth Prop Ser 2	148.80	157.50	+0.20	...
Fixed Int	164.10	173.70	-1.00	...
Cash	148.80	157.50	+0.10	...
Overseas	153.40	162.30	+0.70	...
CANADA LIFE 2-6 High Street, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 0707 51122				
Equity Growth	£238.60	...	...	...
Managed	293.20	308.60	+0.90	...
Property	195.10	205.40	...	...
Gilt & Fxd Int	218.40	230.00	+0.50	...
Index-Linked	178.80	188.30	-0.20	...
Equity	322.70	339.70	+0.10	...
Cash	208.00	219.00	+0.10	...
CLife Euro Mgd	312.70	329.20	+2.40	...
CLife Intl Fd	338.00	355.90	+4.80	...
CANNON ASSURANCE 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
Equity Units	£113.00	...	+1.50	...
Property Units	£25.26	...	+0.14	...
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£58.76	£62.18	+0.52	...
2nd Equity Acc	566.20	599.20	+7.20	...
2nd High Inc Ac	538.50	569.80	+4.10	...
2nd Property Acc	231.80	245.30	+1.40	...
2nd Mngd 2 Acc	167.70	177.50	+1.50	...
2nd Mngd 3 Acc	418.30	442.60	+3.40	...
2nd Mngd 4 Acc	204.10	216.00	+2.00	...
2nd Deposit Acc	268.50	284.10	+0.20	...
2nd Gilt Acc	271.50	287.30	-0.20	...
2nd Amer Acc	602.10	637.10	+5.70	...
2nd Intl Mny Acc	250.40	265.00	+2.90	...
2nd Index Acc	183.90	194.60	-0.20	...
2nd Far East Acc	395.70	418.70	+1.90	...
2nd Global Acc	157.60	166.80	+1.00	...
2nd Euro Acc	136.50	144.40	+0.70	...
2nd Japan Acc	216.00	228.60	+3.80	...
2nd Heritage Acc	68.40	72.40	-0.30	...
2nd Int Cur Bd Ac	152.00	160.80	+2.20	...
2nd Cap Gth Acc	112.90	119.50	+1.00	...
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500 Avebury Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 2NU. 0908 606101				
Property Fund	177.50	186.90	...	...
Managed Fund	533.90	562.00	...	...
Equity Fund	303.40	319.40	+0.10	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INVESTMENTS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH. 0272 290566				
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	253.20	266.60	+0.50	...
Ruby	146.30	154.10	+0.90	...
Emerald	133.10	140.20	+0.20	...
Equity	286.60	301.70	-0.60	...
Property	174.50	183.70	...	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	189.90	199.90	+0.70	...
Indexed Secs	157.30	165.60	+0.20	...
Cash	178.10	187.50	+0.10	...
Nth American	196.10	206.50	-1.50	...
Far East	260.20	273.90	-1.30	...
International	207.70	218.70	-1.20	...
Special Sits	275.20	289.70	+1.70	...
Intl Income	253.70	267.00	+0.80	...
American Inc	171.00	180.00	+1.60	...
European	250.00	263.20	+1.40	...
Japanese	155.70	163.90	-1.60	...
SE Asia	276.20	290.80	-2.00	...
With Profits Reg	147.40	155.20	+0.20	...
-do- Spec	147.40	155.20	+0.20	...
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	277.30	291.90	+1.10	...
Equity	325.30	342.50	-0.30	...
Property	169.50	178.50	...	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	228.30	240.40	+1.60	...
Index Linked	165.20	173.90	+0.10	...
Cash	232.80	245.10	+0.30	...
Nth American	241.30	254.30	+1.80	...
Far East Acc	315.10	331.70	-3.60	...
International Acc	256.70	270.30	-2.70	...
Special Sits	409.10	430.70	+4.10	...
European Flex	333.70	351.30	-3.60	...
COLONIAL MUTUAL GROUP Colonial Mutual House, Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY. 0634 890 000				
(Unlinked)	£203.99	...	...	...
-do- Pacemaker	£281.12	...	...	...
-do- Cash	195.46	205.75	-0.11	...
-do- Equity	468.04	492.67	-1.89	...
-do- Fxd Int	335.39	353.04	-0.17	...
-do- Managed	339.85	357.74	-1.05	...
-do- Property	268.59	282.73	-2.64	...
(Pens) Cash Cap	205.27	216.09	...	...
-do- Cash Inv	284.88	299.88	...	...
-do- Equity Cap	1265.8	1332.4	...	...
-do- Equity Inv	1756.7	1846.2	...	...
-do- Fixed Cap	365.71	384.97	...	...
-do- Fixed Inv	507.54	534.26	...	...
-do- Index Cap	200.49	211.05	...	...
-do- Index Inv	278.24	292.89	...	...
Mngd Cap	513.36	540.39	...	...
Mngd Inv	712.45	749.95	...	...
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 071 283 7500				
Var Ann Acc (5)	¥603.05	...	+3.17	...
Var Ann (5)	382.86	...	+0.38	...
Prime: Managed	353.30	371.90	+1.60	...
Prime: UK Equity	421.00	443.20	-1.20	...
Prime: Int Equity	267.30	281.40	-2.10	...
Prime: Property	195.10	205.40	+0.10	...
Prime Fxd Int	224.20	236.10	+1.00	...
Prime Index-Lnk	161.80	170.40	+0.20	...
Prime: Cash	195.70	206.00	+0.20	...
CONFEDERATION LIFE Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744840				
Managed Fund	1008.6	1061.6	...	...
Equity Fund	1440.6	1516.4	...	...
CROWN FINANCIAL Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 0483 715033				
Life Mangd Acc	529.30	557.10	+3.20	...
Life Fxd Int Acc	338.90	356.70	+0.60	...
Life Equity Acc	720.90	758.80	+3.70	...
Life Money Acc	288.60	303.70	+0.20	...
Life Inv Tst Acc	663.10	697.90	+4.10	...
Life Intl Acc	470.60	495.30	+5.50	...
Life High Inc Acc	687.60	723.70	+5.30	...
Life Property Acc	205.40	216.20	+0.20	...
Crown Brit Inv A	1124.8	1124.8	...	...
Brewin Equity	624.20	657.00	+5.40	...
Life Equity Acc	234.00	246.30	...	...
EAGLE STAR LIFE ASSURANCE Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ. 0242 221311				
Secure Fund	166.90	175.70	+0.10	...
Blue Chip Fund	220.40	232.00	+0.60	...
-do- Series 2	141.30	148.80	+0.40	...
Adventurous Fd	187.40	197.30	+2.00	...
-do- Series 2	140.60	148.10	+1.60	...
Performance Fd	226.70	238.70	-1.50	...
-do- Series 2	146.50	154.30	-1.00	...
UK Pref Fxd Int	137.00	144.30	-0.30	...
UK Equity Fund	139.70	147.10	...	...
Property Fund	102.20	107.60	-0.10	...
Envrnmntl Opps	139.30	146.70	+0.30	...
Euro Fund	142.90	150.50	+1.10	...
North Amer Fd	175.40	184.70	+0.60	...
Oriental Ops	156.10	164.40	-1.80	...
Japanese Fund	127.50	134.30	+2.40	...
Bd & West Life	113.50	119.50	+0.20	...
Bd & West Pen	125.50	132.20	+0.20	...
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND 60 St Mary Axe, London EC3. 071 929 1111				
Eagle/Mid Uts	245.00	253.90	-0.20	3.61
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH 0722 413366				
Managed (Mixd)	269.80	284.00	+1.50	...
UK Equity	360.10	379.10	+2.60	...
Stewardship	314.10	330.70	+1.30	...
Overseas Equity	243.20	256.00	+1.30	...
North American	132.10	139.10	+1.30	...
Pacific Basin	136.50	143.70	+1.10	...
European	169.00	177.90	+1.90	...
Property	186.80	196.70	+0.20	...
Fixed Interest	206.60	217.50	+0.30	...
Index Linked	155.30	163.50	-0.10	...
Cash	190.20	200.30	+0.20	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 220 4567				
GT Plan Far East	307.80	324.00	-2.90	...
GT Plan Wwide	430.30	453.00	-3.50	...
GENERAL ACCIDENT 2 Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR. 0904 628982				
Managed	182.50	192.00	+0.80	...
Unitised Profit	121.70	128.00	+0.20	...
UK Equity	244.90	257.70	...	...
Fixed Int	178.50	187.80	+2.10	...
Index-Linked	155.80	163.90	-0.30	...
Cash Deposit	166.90	175.50	+0.10	...
Property	163.30	171.80	-1.30	...
International	162.60	171.00	-1.70	...
American	145.80	153.40	-1.70	...
Japan	253.70	266.90	-5.70	...
Japan Smllr Cos	360.10	379.70	-5.60	...
European	154.70	162.70	-0.30	...
Pacific Fund	216.00	227.30	+1.30	...
Conv Life	129.90	136.60	-0.80	...
GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE Gen Portfolio House, Harlow, Essex CM20 2EW. 0279 626262				
Portfolio Acc	641.50	641.50	-2.70	...
-do- Inv A	641.40	675.30	-2.80	...
UK Equity	365.20	384.60	-0.60	...
Gilt Plus	194.50	204.90	-0.30	...
Managed	280.00	294.80	+1.30	...
Inter Man	253.10	266.60	-1.20	...
GRESHAM UNIT 2-6 Prince of Wales Road, Bournemouth 0202 752000				
Managed Bond	644.50	679.10	-0.60	...
Money Fund	301.90	317.80	+0.20	...
Equity Fund	553.50	583.20	-4.10	...
Fixed Interest	261.40	275.40	...	...
Property Fund	333.70	351.60	...	...
Gresham Framlington				
American & Gnrl	471.80	497.20	...	...
Income	651.50	686.50	+1.00	...
International Gth	544.40	573.70	+2.80	...
Capital Fund	569.80	600.40	+4.50	...
Recovery Fund	554.40	584.20	+1.30	...
Japan & General	276.20	291.00	+2.20	...
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE Royal Exchange, London EC3. 071 283 7101				
Asl Prop Bds	642.90	669.70	...	...
Managed Initial	413.10	434.90	+3.80	...
-do- Acc	569.50	599.50	+5.40	...
Equity Initial	602.00	633.70	+3.70	...
-do- Acc	829.90	873.50	+5.40	...
Fixed Int Initial	404.00	425.30	+0.30	...
-do- Acc	557.00	586.30	+0.70	...
Intl Initial	414.70	436.60	+6.00	...
-do- Acc	571.80	601.80	+8.40	...
Nth Amer Initial	170.40	179.30	+3.60	...
-do- Acc	213.80	225.00	+4.70	...
Pacific Initial	226.20	238.10	+4.40	...
-do- Acc	281.10	295.90	+5.60	...
Property Initial	149.90	157.80	...	...
-do- Acc	206.60	217.50	...	...
Index-Lnkd Intl	153.90	162.00	-0.20	...
-do- Acc	193.10	203.30	-0.10	...
Deposit Initial	193.20	203.40	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	266.30	280.40	+0.30	...
Euro Initial	82.80	87.10	+1.00	...
-do- Acc	96.00	101.00	+1.20	...
HAMBRO GUARDIAN ASSURANCE Kingsgate, 1 King Edward Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4HG. 0277 200939				
Managed	145.40	153.00	+0.50	...
-do- Pens	172.50	181.50	+0.70	...
UK Equity	143.50	151.00	...	...
-do- Pens	157.70	165.90	...	...
International	131.00	137.80	+1.70	...
-do- Pens	141.70	149.10	+2.20	...
Deposit	133.90	140.90	+0.10	...
-do- Pens	155.60	163.70	+0.10	...
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION 3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA 071 638 5757				
UK Equity Fd	345.50	367.60	+1.90	...
North America	315.60	335.80	+0.50	...
Far East Fund	534.20	567.10	+2.30	...
Global Managed	413.70	440.20	+4.00	...
Deposit Fund	218.60	230.20	+0.28	...
Prime Residential	124.70	131.30	...	...
European Fund	219.10	233.10	+3.70	...
Fixed Interest	67.00	71.30	-0.20	...
HILL SAMUEL LIFE NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
Security Fund	453.60	480.00	+0.70	...
British Fund	456.20	482.80	-4.40	...
International	460.40	487.20	+3.80	...
Dollar Fund	336.10	355.70	+3.50	...
Capital Fund	414.60	438.80	-1.10	...
Income Fund	615.30	651.20	-3.70	...
Property Series A	382.30	404.40	...	...
Property Units	619.00	650.00	...	...
Financial Fund	480.10	508.10	+2.30	...
Managed Ser A	483.30	511.50	+1.00	...
-do- C	275.90	292.00	...	...
Managed Units	863.10	908.60	+1.70	...
High Yield Fund	584.90	619.00	+6.50	...
Money Series A	274.20	290.20	+0.10	...
Money Units	361.20	380.30	+0.10	...
Equity Fund	546.70	578.60	-0.80	...
Fixed Interest	344.90	365.00	+3.60	...
Indexed Secs	172.10	182.20	-0.50	...
European Fund	628.60	665.20	+5.30	...
Natural Res	251.00	265.70	-2.80	...
Far East Fund	565.60	598.60	-5.10	...
Smaller Cos	420.30	444.80	-2.70	...
Special Sits	400.10	423.40	+0.50	...
Man Currency	251.90	266.60	+1.50	...
Japanese Tech	263.90	279.30	-6.40	...
US Smaller Cos	199.60	211.30	...	...
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE Irish Life Centre, Victoria Street, St Albans, Herts AL1 5TF. 0727 48181				
Global Managed	489.70	515.50	+3.30	...
Global Property	260.40	274.10	+7.60	...
Global Fixed Int	467.80	492.40	-0.20	...
Global Equity	519.10	546.40	+2.60	...
Global Cash	203.10	213.90	+0.20	...
LAURENTIAN LIFE Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ 0452 371371				
Gtd Mgd	448.70	472.30	+2.80	...
Property	412.10	433.80	+1.10	...
Managed	373.80	393.50	+0.50	...
American	371.80	391.40	+4.20	...
UK Equity Fd	402.30	423.50	-0.80	...
Japan	215.00	226.30	-3.60	...
Index-Lkd	176.70	186.00	-0.20	...
High Yield	742.00	781.10	-2.20	...
Growth Cap	403.30	424.50	+0.80	...
Money	383.80	404.00	-0.20	...
International	371.90	390.40	-2.10	...
Henderson Active	196.60	207.00	+0.80	...
Perpetual Active	285.80	300.80	+1.60	...
Growth Cap	403.30	424.50	+0.80	...
-do- Acc	580.00	610.50	+0.40	...
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE 2 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE 0273 724000				
B Soc Lnkd Init	134.90	142.10	...	...
-do- Acc	177.50	186.90	+0.10	...
Brit Opps Int	126.60	133.30	-0.20	...
-do- Acc	150.20	158.20	+0.20	...
Cash Initial	166.50	175.30	-0.40	...
-do- Acc	274.60	288.50	...	...
Equity Initial	586.80	617.70	-0.70	...
-do- Acc	965.50	1016.4	+1.50	...
Fixed Initial	336.60	354.40	-0.30	...
-do- Acc	553.90	583.10	+1.10	...
Index-Lnkd Gilt	131.40	138.40	-0.50	...
-do- Acc	184.50	194.30	-0.30	...
Intl Initial	314.50	331.10	+0.70	...
-do- Acc	509.60	536.50	+3.70	...
Managed Initial	433.80	456.70	...	...
-do- Acc	712.70	751.30	+1.70	...
Property Initial	187.20	197.10	-0.40	...
-do- Acc	308.00	324.30	+0.10	...
LIFE ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAND 115 Dundas Street, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5000				
Managed Fund	319.10	335.90	+1.60	...
UK Equity	528.80	556.70	-2.10	...
Property	274.60	289.10	-0.10	...
Money Market	241.00	253.70	-0.20	...
Fixed Interest	291.90	307.30	+0.90	...
Japan	401.60	422.80	+6.40	...
North America	149.30	157.70	+1.00	...
International	268.60	282.80	+1.80	...
European	235.00	247.40	+1.20	...
Far East	121.20	127.60	+0.40	...
LONDON LIFE 100 Temple Street, Bristol BS1 6EA 0272 279179				
Equity	£802.40	...	+0.50	...
Fixed Interest	£372.10	...	+0.70	...
Property	£342.40	...	+0.80	...
Deposit	£277.30	...	+0.30	...
Mixed	£526.30	...	+1.30	...
Indexed Stock	£200.70	...	-0.10	...
International	£258.10	...	+2.70	...
Equity A	£186.60	...	+0.10	...
Fixed Int A	£165.50	...	+0.20	...
Property A	£150.90	...	+0.40	...
Deposit A	£163.40	...	+0.20	...
Mixed A	£173.40	...	+0.40	...
Index Stock A	£157.50	...	-0.10	...
International A	£161.70	...	+1.80	...
Equity P	£648.40	...	-0.40	...
Fixed Int P	£478.10	...	+1.00	...
Property P	£273.50	...	-0.80	...
Deposit P	£321.50	...	+0.30	...
Mixed P	£474.90	...	+1.30	...
Index Stock P	£239.90	...	...	...
International P	£292.90	...	+3.50	...
LONDON & MANCHESTER ASSURANCE Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 283456				
Inv Trust Cap	£531.80	...	+0.90	...
-do- Acc	£851.90	...	+2.10	...
Property Cap	£156.60	...	-0.50	...
-do- Acc	£237.60	...	-0.50	...
Fxd Interest Cap	£192.30	...	+0.30	...
-do- Acc	£292.10	...	+0.40	...
Equity Cap	£297.90	...	+0.40	...
-do- Acc	£457.40	...	+1.00	...
Internatl Cap	£224.60	...	+1.30	...
-do- Acc	£341.80	...	+2.50	...
Gtd Deposit Cap	£170.20	...	-0.10	...
-do- Acc	£256.10	...	+0.10	...
Flexible Cap	£328.40	...	+0.70	...
-do- Acc	£503.30	...	+1.50	...
Moneymaker Fd	£395.80	...	+0.80	...
Capital Growth	£1458.6	...	+4.60	...
M & G Victoria Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1FB 0245 266266				
Amer Bond Acc	381.10	400.30	+5.00	...
Amer Rec Bond	436.30	458.30	+6.80	...
Am Smlr Cos Bd	207.30	217.80	+1.90	...
Australasia Bd	182.20	191.50	-2.50	...
Commodity Bond	238.70	250.70	-0.30	...
Deposit Bond Acc	345.10	362.50	+0.20	...
Equity Bond Acc	1258.0	1321.0	+6.70	...
European Bd Acc	300.90	316.00	+4.30	...
Extra Yld Bd Acc	623.80	655.10	+4.40	...
Far East Bd Acc	263.80	277.10	-4.30	...
Gilt Bond Acc	399.20	419.20	+0.30	...
Gold Bond Acc	128.60	135.20	-7.50	...
High Yield Bond	306.50	321.90	+0.50	4.28
Index-Lnk Gt Bd	199.30	209.20	-0.30	...
International Bd	661.00	694.20	+4.40	...
Japan Bond Acc	275.60	289.40	+4.00	...
Japan Sm Cos Ac	252.80	265.60	+1.90	...
Managed Bonds	755.40	793.70	-1.50	...
Prop Bond Acc	297.90	312.90	+0.20	...
Rec Bond Acc	646.60	679.10	+3.30	...
MGM ASSURANCE MGM House, Heene Road, Worthing BN11 2DY. 0903 204631				
UK Equity	206.90	217.80	+1.00	...
UK Equity Acc	276.90	291.50	+1.60	...
Special Sits	85.90	90.30	-0.10	...
Special Sits Acc	115.00	121.10	-0.10	...
North American	175.90	185.20	+2.20	...
N American Acc	235.50	247.90	+3.10	...
Pacific Basin	332.20	349.70	-0.20	...
Pacific Basin Acc	444.60	468.00	...	...
Fixed Interest	277.90	292.20	+0.80	...
Fixed Interest Acc	371.90	391.50	+1.20	...
Property	151.50	159.50	+0.10	...
Property Acc	203.00	213.70	-0.20	...
Deposit	151.20	159.20	+0.10	...
Deposit Acc	203.90	214.70	+0.30	...
Managed	237.30	249.80	+1.30	...
Managed Acc	292.80	308.30	+1.90	...
MANULIFE GROUP St Georges Way, Stevenage, Herts 0438 356101				
Managed Fund	626.30	659.30	+2.50	...
Property Fund	476.30	501.40	-0.50	...
Equity Fund	766.70	807.10	+2.70	...
Gilt Edged Fd	555.60	584.80	-1.80	...
Deposit Fund	314.60	331.20	-0.30	...
Investment Fd	323.90	340.10	+1.10	...
International	522.70	550.20	+3.00	...
MERCHANT INVESTORS 91 Wimpole Street, London W1M 7DA Admin: 0272 266366 Prices: 081 789 2945 or 0272 732297				
Property	393.40	414.10	+0.90	...
Equity Bond	305.80	321.80	+0.70	...
Money Mrkt Bd	503.70	530.20	+2.60	...
Deposit Fund	360.10	379.80	+0.30	...
Managed Fund	424.00	446.30	+3.50	...
Intl Equity	506.50	533.10	+3.50	...
Intl Managed	473.90	498.80	...	...
North American	195.80	206.10	+1.60	...
Far East	384.50	404.70	+1.40	...
Intl Currency	257.70	271.20	-1.10	...
NM LIFE ASSURANCE Enterprise House, Portsmouth 0705 827733				
Equity	130.60	137.40	+0.30	...
Fixed Interest	487.70	513.30	-0.50	...
Managed	621.60	654.30	-3.00	...
Deposit	323.10	340.10	-0.40	...
Property	373.20	392.80	+1.10	...
American	381.20	401.30	-3.30	...
Australian	421.90	444.10	-8.30	...
European	450.60	474.30	+4.00	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	244.50	257.30	-0.50	...
Global Managed	126.00	132.60	-0.60	...
Income Acc	679.30	715.00	-7.60	...
-do- Dist	427.10	449.60	-10.30	5.27
International	296.93	312.00	+2.30	...
Japan Smaller	508.90	535.60	+4.50	...
Singapore & Mal	288.50	303.60	+1.90	...
Smaller Cos	355.50	374.20	+11.70	...
Tokyo Fund	680.00	715.70	+2.40	...
UK Equity	542.30	570.80	+3.20	...
CCM Vangd Mg	655.90	690.40	+2.20	...
Equity Pens Cap	878.10	924.30	+2.50	...
NPI 48 Gracechurch Street, London EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200				
Managed	424.90	447.30	+0.90	...
UK Equity	523.30	550.90	-0.70	...
Overseas Equity	430.20	452.90	+4.00	...
Americas	378.10	398.00	+3.20	...
Far East	483.20	508.70	+1.20	...
Property	195.60	205.90	+0.70	...
Fixed Interest	336.00	353.70	+0.90	...
Indexed Gilt	215.90	227.30	...	...
Deposit	205.80	216.70	+0.20	...
NORWICH UNION LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY - Ex NUAM Funds PO Box 140, Norwich NR3 1PP 0603 622200				
Managed Fund	1224.5	1288.9	+5.10	...
Eqty Fund	2653.4	2793.1	+7.20	...
Property Fd	445.30	468.70	+3.50	...
Fixed Int Fd	550.10	579.10	+3.10	...
Deposit Fund	329.40	346.70	+0.20	...
Intl Fund	210.00	221.10	+1.20	...
PEARL ASSURANCE Pearl House, Thorpe Wood, Peterborough PE3 6SA. 0733 63212				
Inv Prop Dist	140.60	148.00	+0.20	...
Prop Acc (Gross)	267.50	281.60	-0.30	...
Inv Equity	1056.4	1112.0	+5.60	...
Inv Managed	737.10	775.90	-4.40	...
Ret Managed	812.80	855.60	+6.80	...
PROLIFIC LIFE & PENSIONS LTD Strammongate, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 4UB 0539 733733				
Bal Gwth Mngd	695.40	739.80	-0.50	...
Cash Fund	321.90	339.30	+0.30	...
Property Fund	218.70	232.70	+0.70	...
Equity Fund	798.50	849.90	+4.10	...
Fxd Interest Fund	421.20	443.90	-0.30	...
International	358.10	381.00	+1.40	...
High Income	625.80	665.80	-1.80	...
Far East	489.70	521.00	+2.50	...
North American	469.60	499.60	-3.10	...
Special Sits	565.50	601.60	-0.20	...
Technology	450.20	479.00	+1.50	...
Extra Income Fd	335.00	356.40	-0.60	...
Gilt Fund	447.70	476.30	+0.50	...
European	128.90	137.20	+1.30	...
Adventurous Mg	182.60	192.30	+1.10	...
Secure Mgd	131.40	139.80	+0.30	...
Equity Inc Dist	110.20	117.30	+0.20	4.75
North American	103.90	110.60	-0.20	5.44
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768888				
Equity Fund Acc	266.50	281.20	-0.40	...
Fxd Interest Acc	220.90	233.10	-0.40	...
International Acc	231.90	244.70	+3.10	...
Managed Acc	198.20	209.00	+0.70	...
Property Acc	219.50	231.60	-1.00	...
Money Acc	146.80	154.90	+0.10	...
Spec Mkt Acc	191.40	202.00	+2.20	...
Japan Equity Acc	129.00	136.10	+3.00	...
N Amer Acc	150.90	159.20	-0.70	...
Pacific Acc	143.80	150.90	+1.30	...
European Acc	131.10	138.30	+2.10	...
PROVIDENT MUTUAL William Road, Hitchin, Herts SG4 0LP 0438 739000				
Managed Ord	415.60	437.50	+1.80	...
Managed Initial	294.30	309.80	+1.30	...
Equity Ord	621.40	654.30	+2.40	...
Equity Init	440.00	463.20	+1.40	...
I-Linked Gilt Ord	193.80	204.00	-0.10	...
I-Linked Gilt Init	143.40	150.90	+0.10	...
Oseas Equity Ord	335.00	352.60	+2.40	...
Oseas Equity Init	237.20	249.70	+1.60	...
Property Ord	226.30	238.20	+0.60	...
Property Init	160.30	168.70	+0.40	...
Fixed Int Ord	258.20	271.80	+0.70	...
Fixed Int Init	182.90	192.50	+0.40	...
Deposit Ord	196.40	206.70	+0.20	...
Deposit Initial	139.10	146.40	+0.10	...
PRUDENTIAL Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH 071 405 9222				
Managed	300.70	312.90	+0.70	...
PRUDENTIAL INDIVIDUAL LIFE FUNDS 1 Stephen Street, London W1P 2AP 071 548 3275				
Managed Fund	669.50	704.80	+2.90	...
Equity Fund	1301.2	1369.7	+3.20	...
Intl Fund	526.30	554.10	+5.10	...
Fixed Interest	533.80	561.90	+1.20	...
Property Fund	376.60	396.50	...	...
Cash Fund	348.70	367.10	-0.30	...
Pacific Basin	296.20	311.80	-1.40	...
N American Fd	210.80	222.50	+4.00	...
Euro Fund	220.40	232.10	+1.30	...
Balanced Fund	135.10	142.30	+0.60	...
Strategic Fund	139.80	147.20	+1.00	...
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE Peterborough Business Park, Peterborough PE2 6GG. 0733 390000				
Mult Grow (45)	650.70	...	...	...
-do- Acc	418.10	440.20	...	...
Op Prop	413.20	435.00	...	...
Op Equity	891.10	938.00	+6.20	...
Op High Yield	523.50	551.10	+1.70	...
Op Managed	741.80	781.00	+5.70	...
Op Deposit	374.60	394.40	...	...
Amer Smaller	...	...	...	...
Extra Inc	...	...	...	...
Gold Gen	...	...	...	...
Inc Gth	278.50	293.20	-0.80	...
Japan Perf	...	...	...	...
Japan Smlr	254.10	269.30	+5.10	...
Natl High	...	...	...	...
Prop Sits	...	...	...	...
Managed Gth	232.60	244.90	+6.00	...
Gilt	78.00	82.20	+0.40	...
Amer (35.34)	...	...	...	...
British	336.50	354.30	+4.30	...
Global Bond	113.30	119.30	+1.60	...
Global (35.34)	149.40	157.30	-5.20	...
Gold Share	67.00	70.60	-4.00	...
High Income	263.10	277.00	-0.70	...
Income	391.40	412.00	-1.60	...
Japan	433.40	456.30	+6.40	...
UK Smlr Cos	281.10	295.90	-4.10	...
Mngd Growth	407.50	429.00	+2.60	...
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 051 239 3000				
Royal Shield Fd	868.30	918.80	+4.10	...
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	347.60	365.80	+1.60	...
Equity Fund	478.70	503.80	+0.50	...
Property Fund	254.40	267.70	+7.30	...
International	415.60	437.40	+5.90	...
Pacific Basin	258.00	271.50	+0.50	...
United States	219.90	231.40	+2.10	...
Gilt Fund	328.20	345.50	+1.40	...
SAVE & PROSPER 16-22 Western Road, Romford, Essex RM1 3LB. 0708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	666.80	705.70	+1.30	...
Deposit Fund (2)	350.10	370.50	+0.20	...
Gilt Fund	471.90	499.40	+0.40	...
Global Equity Fd	205.40	217.40	+1.40	...
Property Fund (46)	89.40	94.70	...	...
AG Bond Fund	138.50	146.60	...	...
SCOTTISH AMICABLE 150 St Vincent Street, Glasgow 041 248 2323				
Equity	502.40	528.90	+0.20	...
Fixed Interest	332.40	349.90	+1.40	...
Index-Linked	185.40	195.20	-0.10	...
International	401.00	422.20	+4.70	...
Property	239.40	252.00	...	...
Cash	219.80	231.40	+0.20	...
Managed	402.90	424.20	+1.50	...
Cap Greed Bd	98.60	103.80	-0.40	...
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 556 9101				
Cash	172.39	181.46	+0.14	...
Index-Linked	151.00	158.98	+0.20	...
Fixed Interest	167.80	176.60	+0.30	...
Mixed	224.60	236.40	+1.00	...
UK Equity	213.60	224.80	+0.10	...
International	227.40	239.40	+1.90	...
American	234.60	247.00	+4.80	...
Japan	251.00	264.20	+5.50	...
European	208.30	219.20	+0.60	...
Pacific	319.60	336.50	+4.50	...
Technology	301.10	316.90	+5.10	...
Currency/Currncy	217.40	228.80	+1.40	...
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YE 031 225 2211				
Property	174.10	183.30	...	...
UK Equity	316.20	333.00	-0.30	...
American	228.80	241.00	+4.00	...
Pacific	312.00	328.50	+3.90	...
European	399.20	420.40	+0.90	...
International	273.90	288.40	+2.30	...
Fixed Interest	225.50	237.50	+1.30	...
Index Linked	187.40	197.30	+0.40	...
Deposit	184.20	194.00	+0.10	...
Managed	253.80	267.30	+0.60	...
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Opportunity Fd	202.30	213.00	+0.40	...
Cash Fund	166.20	175.00	+0.10	...
European Fund	297.80	313.50	...	...
Gilts & Fxd Int	180.40	189.90	+1.40	...
Index-Linked Fd	173.30	182.50	-0.50	...
International Fd	257.30	270.90	+4.40	...
North American Fd	225.00	236.90	+7.30	...
Property Fund	115.00	121.10	+0.30	...
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Fixed Interest	206.30	217.30	-0.60	...
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Mixed Fund	403.10	424.60	+1.00	...
Equity Fund	473.00	498.00	+0.80	...
Property Fund	203.40	214.40	-0.30	...
International Fd	422.30	444.70	+3.00	...
Fixed Interest Fd	341.30	359.40	-1.70	...
Indexed Stock Fd	188.60	198.70	-0.20	...
Cash Fund	216.80	228.30	+0.20	...
SKANDIA LIFE Skandia House, Portland Terrace, Southampton SO9 7BX 0703 334411				
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Equity Acc	377.10	396.90	+0.60	...
International Acc	312.00	328.40	+3.10	...
Property	205.70	216.50	+0.20	...
Royal Trust Mg	214.40	225.60	+1.90	...
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Equity	875.50	921.60	-3.40	...
European	139.80	147.20	+0.20	...
Far East	151.20	159.20	+1.30	...
Fixed Interest	364.70	383.90	+1.10	...
Index Linked	196.20	206.60	+0.40	...
International	542.30	570.90	+3.40	...
Managed	616.10	648.60	-0.50	...
Nth American	138.60	145.90	+1.60	...
Property	305.50	321.60	-1.10	...
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Cash	393.10	413.80	+0.40	...
Equity	1240.2	1305.5	+0.70	...
European	165.10	173.80	+1.60	...
Far East	119.70	126.10	+1.80	...
Fixed Interest	486.30	511.90	+3.20	...
Index Linked	271.60	285.90	+0.60	...
International	756.90	796.80	+11.40	...
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Worldwide Tech	93.60	98.60	+0.10	...
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Fallacy of the retirement rentier



COMMENT

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Blessed are the frugal and thrifty, for they are saving the government money. Among their numbers are many distressed gentlefolk, who are now long retired and thought they had provided well for their old age.

Now, their savings are dwindling fast, but there is little chance of help until those savings are well on their way to being exhausted, because of the way they are counted. The government's calculations assume that pensioners, and others close to the edge, are earning up to fifty times more from their savings than they actually are.

Under social security rules, it is assumed that each £250 of savings over £3,000 is earning £1 a week for a pensioner. Pensioners who scrutinise the diminished return on all savings accounts wonder where anything like that might be obtained, either before or after tax. They know that as they have to withdraw more and more of their nest eggs, the return on their savings falls. The best rates from all commercially minded institutions go to those with the largest sums to invest. That means at least £10,000 and more likely £25,000 or £40,000.

Most older people who feel they are caught in a poverty trap do not want charity. They would rather have a decent return on the money that they put by for this rainy day. However, as government policy has led interest rates down to new lows on some savings accounts, they want fair play in the way the social security department works out the income that their savings bring in.

To someone who has seen his or her savings fall through all the tiers of a savings account, and the cost of home repairs rising, it is a worry every time a withdrawal has to be made. Social security would not pay for a new roof on their home or to replace rotten window frames, and they want to keep money put by for such eventualities.

It was in April 1990 that the department last changed the calculations for income support. Then, interest rates were at a very high level. Base rates were at 15 per cent and savings rates were also in double figures. From then pensioners and others wanting to apply for income support could do so if they had less than £8,000 in savings, but every £250 over the first £3,000 was counted as earning £1 a week. Someone just under the £8,000 ceiling was counted as getting £20 a week in income from that money. In most cases, this rules out any help.

Those who put their £250 in an instant access savings account with Abbey National will get 0.5 per cent gross, or 0.38 per cent net. This means that £250 earns £1.25 a year for non-taxpayers and less than £1 for taxpayers. Other immediate access accounts pay similar rates at this low level.

At £5,000, the Abbey pays 4.5 per cent gross, which would give an annual income of £225, or a little under £4.50 a week. Those who tie their money up in a 90-day notice account would get £7.50 a year more in interest on £5,000.

Pensioners feel that it is dishonest to say that those with up to £8,000 can get help when in fact the vast majority are ruled out on the grounds that the savings are earning 20 per cent. They would prefer the savings limit to be lower and a realistic interest rate applied to it. A return to the previous £6,000 upper limit, and the assumption that £250 earned 25p a week would be fairer. They are asking for honesty rather than more money.

Society outcasts

New rules on what type of directors building societies should have are being proposed by their governing body, the Building Societies Commission. These are intended to make sure that the interests of members are safeguarded. However, one thing is missing: membership directors.

As the Nationwide faces yet another contested battle for election to its board next month, the question of who is fit and proper to sit on the board of a building society deserves an airing.

The Commission and societies seem to feel that members do not qualify. Yet the regulator laments the lack of women on the boards of societies. They manage to muster 3 per cent and some societies complain that they cannot find suitable directors.

A balance of professional skills is important, but the public interest needs to be served. Making it simpler for members to get on the voting papers and to get their election address distributed would be a start. Currently, most building societies require that a member be nominated by at least 50 people who have had £100 in their accounts for two years continuously.

It would then be up to the members, who are deemed fit to choose who runs the country at general elections, to decide which candidates they want to safeguard their building society.

Third party motor premiums to soar

By Sara McConnell

MOTORISTS with third party fire and theft cover from Norwich Union and General Accident will find premiums rising by up to 25 per cent from this week. This follows both companies' decision to stop operating a long established industry agreement to cut paperwork on claims. This will mean increased administration costs, which will be borne by policyholders.

Other companies say they are reviewing their position but privately admit that the withdrawal of the two largest motor insurers from the agreement, known as knock for knock, is likely to bring about its collapse in its present form. This will almost certainly mean premium rises for other third party policyholders.

Norwich Union, the largest motor insurer, announced this week that it would no longer operate a knock for knock agreement with other insurers after July 1. Under this agreement, if two motorists insured with different companies have an accident, each insurer agrees to pay for the damage sustained by its own policyholder. In theory, this is meant to save on administration costs, as insurers do not have to spend time corresponding and, in extreme cases, going to court to decide who was at fault and who should pay. In the past, the cost of claims has evened out. It has also meant that policyholders have not had to wait months for their claims to be met.

However, the 60 large insurers who operate a knock for knock agreement say most of their policyholders now have comprehensive cover and that they are paying out too much, effectively subsidising third party policyholders. A combination of heavier marketing and increased affluence meaning people own bigger cars accounts for comprehensive cover's dominance, say the insurers.

Those operating the agreement are bound to pay for damage to their own comprehensively insured policyholders' vehicles, whatever the circumstances, but cannot pursue insurers whose third party policyholders have caused an accident. Companies with a large number of third party policyholders benefit because they do not have to pay for damage to their policyholders' vehicles.

Noel Privett of the Automobile Association said: "Taken to the extremes under the knock for knock agreement, if all an insurer's customers had comprehensive cover, it would have to pay out for damage to their vehicles, whoever caused it, under every claim; if they all had third party cover, it would never have to pay out."

An estimated 80 per cent of Norwich Union's policyholders are comprehensively insured. NU is to withdraw from operating knock for knock on July 1 but has imposed immediate premium increases of "anything up to 20 per cent" on policyholders with third party cover.

This adds about £30 to £40 a year to the premium. Drivers of a Peugeot 205 1.1 renewing their policy from this week or taking out a new policy with the Norwich Union will have to pay £204, compared with £176 last month and £148 last April. A driver of a Ford Granada 2.9 GLXi will pay £327 now compared with £288 last month and £270 in April last year.

Premiums for a Rover 827 Vitesse will rise to £329, up from £290 last month and £304 in April 1992. All these figures assume that the car is three years old and has a maximum value of £5,000. Driving is assumed to be restricted to husband and wife, aged 45 with a 60 per cent no claims discount.

Derek Plummer, NU's marketing manager, said about 35 per cent of the insurers with NU deals do not operate knock for knock agreements and so the two insurers have to establish liability in the traditional way through correspondence in any case.

The newer direct insurers do not operate the agreement and neither do the Lloyd's syndicates. Mr Plummer said: "Knock for knock does not have much of a future."

General Accident announced its withdrawal from the agreement in April. At the time it said it probably would not have to raise premiums for third party policyholders. However, it said this week that premiums would rise by 25 per cent. It said this was partly due to withdrawal from knock for knock and partly due to "other expenses" such as the cost of garage repairs.

Like NU, most of GA's policyholders are comprehensively insured. Their premiums have remained the same since January and GA said it hoped to be able to maintain them until the end of the year, now they are no longer subsidising third party policyholders. Comprehensive premiums rose three times last year. NU has been more generous and cut comprehensive policyholders' premiums by up to 15 per cent. The average cut will be 6 per cent.

Insurers say however, that it would be better to have some form of updated knock for knock than nothing. Norwich Union has contacted several of its competitors to suggest a "formula" that would require motorists involved in an accident to sketch the accident while still at the scene, making it simpler to decide whose fault it is and cut down on administration this way. GA has suggested operating an agreement if both motorists are comprehensively insured.

Rod Young, personal insurances director at Legal & General, said: "It would be sensible to have something else to put in place of knock for knock." L&G is considering its position and Mr Young said it was too early to say how much premiums would have to rise. Sun Alliance and Commercial Union are also reviewing their position but CU said any premium rises would take some time to filter through.

If there is no agreement not to allocate blame, policyholders and their insurers who believe that they are not to blame could start fighting much harder to get back their uninsured losses including excesses and out-of-pocket expenses, suggested Stuart Frost, motor underwriting manager at L&G. Successfully getting back these losses is regarded as proof of innocence and can be the key to having a no claims discount reinstated.

Motorists have long been suspicious of knock for knock agreements because they see them as endangering their no claims bonus. However, insurers say no-claims bonuses should not be affected by what one described as a "cosy industry arrangement.

Drivers theoretically lose their no claims discount by the act of making a claim. In practice, insurers often reinstate no claims bonuses. If it is obvious whose fault it is, regardless of whether an agreement is operating or not "the driver keeps the no-claims bonus, the insurer pays the bill and swallows hard," Mr Frost said. It is more difficult if blame cannot easily be laid at either driver's feet. In these cases, normally either both lose their no-claims or both keep it but successfully getting back uninsured losses adds to the case for reinstatement.

Norwich Union and General Accident will no longer operate a knock for knock pact

NICK MALAND



Don't be tempted to cut corners

THE cost of motoring is rising at almost four times the rate of inflation, with insurance premium increases averaging about 10 per cent, but motorists should not be tempted to cut so many corners on their motor insurance that they find they are not covered if they have to make a claim, the Automobile Association said this week (Sara McConnell writes).

The AA said: "There are a number of ways that motorists save on premiums in the short term... and leave themselves very badly placed if they need to claim."

It costs less to insure a car for third party, fire and theft than it does comprehensively, for example. This could prove costly if a motorist has an accident that is his or her fault and the car is written off. The insurer will only pay for damage to the other person's car, so savings on insurance are likely to be outweighed by the cost of reparing or replacing the car. Any savings on third party cover are also likely to get smaller as insurers put up premiums after withdrawing from the knock for knock agreement. Third party cover used to cost about half as much as comprehensive cover.

Now this gap had narrowed. Norwich Union's announcement this week that it was putting up third party rates and cutting comprehensive rates narrows the difference to £66 a year at the lower end of the market. For a mid range car the difference is £170 a year and for top of the range models £194, according to Norwich Union's example.

Rod Young, Legal & General's personal insurances director agreed: "The difference between comprehensive and third party insurance could be reduced." Insurers say most people with expensive cars have comprehensive cover because they are well aware of the cost of repairs.

The AA said motorists should also weigh up the possible cost of opting for a higher excess. Those choosing to pay the first several hundred pounds of a claim will be charged a lower premium. Most policies have an excess of £100 but some drivers choose to pay the first £300. The AA points out this can be counter-productive for people trying to save money, as drivers will pay more in excesses if they make claims than they would in premiums opting for a lower excess. It is also counter-productive to put a young driver on a mature driver's policy if the younger driver is really the main driver of the car.

For example, a parent keen to save money on the high cost of insurance for a child who has just passed his or her driving may claim the parent is the main driver. The AA warns that insurers are likely to repudiate any claim.

The Consumers' Association said this week in its monthly magazine, *Which?*, that people should think carefully before claiming on a motor insurance policy for thefts from cars because they might find they are covered on their home contents policy. If they claim on their motor policy they may lose their no claims discount.

Which? also pointed out that home contents policies could offer better cover on thefts from cars.



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More seek grants to pay school fees

Sara McConnell and **Peter Morris** find many couples cannot finance the crippling costs of private education without help



Extended family: Bill and Valerie Campbell with daughters Carolyn, Joanne and Elizabeth

PARENTS are applying for hardship grants in larger numbers than ever to keep their children at private schools, the Independent Schools Information Service (Isis) said this week. But trusts administering grants say they should apply only if children are at a vital stage of schooling, as money is so tight.

A report published this week in *Isis Magazine*, produced termly, says the independent schools service has received 148 applications from parents needing scholarships to keep their children in sixth forms when the new academic year starts in September.

Isis administers the combined scholarship trusts for sixth formers. This year it is offering 28 scholarships, worth a total of £40,000. In 1992, 111 applied for scholarships. Jean Glover, trust administrator, said in her report on 1992: "The applications bore the unmistakable mark of the recession. Thirty-four fathers had been made redundant, or their businesses had failed within the last six months. In eight other instances, the income from businesses had failed within the last six months with the result that, despite initial planning, it was not possible to keep a pupil at school after GCSE." There was also "much evidence of stress among applicants", said Ms Glover.

Dick Davison, Isis's deputy director, said: "There are far more people wanting help than previously." Teachers say it has become very difficult to raise funds from educational trusts. Michael Hepworth, head of Birkdale, an independent school in Sheffield, said: "Some trusts are still able to help, but a number of the larger ones have had to review procedures as a result of the enormous pressure on them."

In one case, Mr Hepworth applied to several trusts to raise money for two boys whose parents were struggling to afford the fees, even after selling their home, moving into rented property and using the £35,000 left over after the sale of their home to pay the fees.

Despite going without many pleasures of life, giving up their social life and bringing back into use an ancient tent for holidays, the couple found that the money was dwindling faster than expected. With just a few hundred pounds left, they told the headmaster that they would have to take their two sons out of his school.

The combined scholarship trusts offered to cover the sixth-form fees of the older boy after he won a scholarship from them. Everything except £100 was raised from charitable bodies to cover the costs of his younger brother. Without help from the trusts, the boys would have had to leave.

The older of the two had been bullied at his comprehensive school and, his mother says, beaten with sticks and threatened with knives. The decision to opt for private education was made after the education authority failed to give the mother (who preferred not to be named) a guarantee that her son would be free from bullying at any other local state school.

"We were desperate," she said. The decision to use the money from the sale of the house to meet the private school's fees — which range from £900 per term for junior boys to £1,355 in the sixth form — was unavoidable, especially as her husband's income as a builder suffered after an accident at work.

Similar sacrifices are being made by other parents in the Sheffield region which, Isis says, is placing more children in private education than anywhere else in the country.

Mr Hepworth said his numbers had risen by about 3 per cent over the past year and there was a waiting list for enrolment.

A different financial strategy is being considered by a Derbyshire osteopath/homeopath with a son at Birkdale School and a daughter at Sheffield High School for Girls. He was caught in the middle of expanding his business by the recession and with high interest charges has to find £1,000 a month plus £600 for his children's school fees.

He contacted Isis which, with the Halifax Building Society, has a Special Reserve Plan called Making School Fees Manageable. Under the plan, organised by Claremont Savile, a school fees specialist, the outlay on fees can be cut by up to a half.

Michael Kaye, Claremont Savile's chairman, said: "The principle behind it is to take the most common areas of expenditure such as house insurance, bank charges and credit card borrowings and put the whole lot into one picture and as a result cut the cost of school fees by about a half without undue stress."

Even for financially secure people, paying for private education imposes constraints. Bill Campbell, a managing director, and his wife Valerie, a radiographer, have three daughters at Sheffield High School for Girls (fees will rise to £1,200 a term from September).

"We do not consider ourselves to be in severe difficulties or an example of extreme hardship," said Mr Campbell, whose salary is £45,000 a year. "We are quite fortunate. However, we must behave in a particular way to be able to cope."

Mrs Campbell was obliged to switch from part-time work to full-time when their second daughter started at the school. Had she not raised her annual income to £18,000, the family's quality of life would have suffered, they say. They would not, for example, have extended their mortgage to finance home improvements.

Synergy to make mortgages cheaper

A PLAN that combines life assurance and investment in a personal equity plan (Pep) to pay off a mortgage is being marketed as a cheaper alternative to an endowment (Sara McConnell writes).

Capital House Investment Management, the investment management arm of the Royal Bank of Scotland, says its Synergy mortgage plan could save investors nearly £10 a month in premiums on a 25-year loan of £50,000 taken out by a man who turns 40 on his next birthday.

A man aged 30 next birthday who takes out a plan to repay a £30,000 loan after 25 years could save £5 a month compared with a traditional endowment, says the company. Borrowers pay a fixed monthly sum into the Synergy plan, partly to build up an investment in a Capital House Pep and partly to buy life assurance to pay off the mortgage if the borrower died.

Capital House has bought a block policy from M & G Life to provide the life element of the plan. But life assurance is bought only to cover the difference between the value of the underlying investments in the Pep and the sum insured, which the plan has to pay out on death. Rupert Tyer, the company's sales and marketing director, said this reduced the cost of the plan.

The company calculates the value of the plan every month and compares it with the sum insured to work out how much life cover it should buy with each contribution. If the stock market falls, reducing the value of the underlying investments, more of the monthly contribution goes to buy life cover and less to be invested.

If the value of the investments in the Pep rises by more than the amount needed to pay off the loan, the extra money can be used to pay off some of the mortgage. Borrowers can also cash in their plan whenever they like.

There is no actuarially calculated surrender value, unlike a traditional with-profits endowment, though there are surrender penalties for cashing in early. Borrowers are unlikely to get back what they put in because most of the setting up and commission charges are deducted at the beginning, as with an endowment.

In the first two years of a 25-year plan, 50 per cent of the total premiums paid are deducted to cover set-up charges. Independent financial advisers, the plan's main sellers, will get commissions of 60 per cent spread over 25 years. Capital House also levies an initial unit trust charge of 6 per cent and an annual management charge of 1.25 to 1.5 per cent. There is a monthly administration fee of £2.35.

From the fifth anniversary of the plan, the initial charge on all units bought for the rest of the plan will be reduced by 2 percentage points to 4 per cent. Mr Tyer said all the charges are made plain from the outset.

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Societies sound cautionary note as homebuyers return

Lindsay Cook, at the building societies' annual conference, detects new realism in their approach to mortgage lending

THE Building Societies Association reported this week that home ownership is gaining in popularity once again, with more people seeing it as their ideal form of tenure. However, they may be disappointed if they go to building societies for a loan.

The Building Societies Commission is to issue a prudential note requiring societies to be more cautious in their lending policies. Divorce, unemployment and low inflation all have to be taken into account when making mortgage advances, Rosalind Gilmore, chairman of the Building Societies Commission, told the annual conference of the association in Brighton.

This means that societies that have operated on low income multiples since interest rates soared in 1990 are likely to tighten their lending policies further rather than relax them to take account of lower interest rates. The commission also expressed concern about some societies offering too many fixed-rate mortgages. If a society has a large number of loans that are fixed, it has less flexibility to widen its margins.

Fixed-interest loans are relatively new to societies and represent only a small proportion of their mortgage lending in total. However, a large number of new loans, including some remortgages, are on a fixed-rate basis. Borrowers are choosing these loans to make sure that they cannot be caught out, should interest rates rise dramatically again.

Mrs Gilmore told societies: "The Commission considers it timely to draw together some clear messages which arise from the boom lending periods of the 1980s, the subsequent recession, especially in the housing market, the troubles that have beset societies and our study of the lending policy statements that have been set by societies.

"The analysis does lead to certain clear conclusions and we are disposed to set them out, since it is all too easy, as soon as times start to recover, to forget the lessons of caution and follow the excitements of marketing. Before doing that you should consider the markets and the past."

She said that changes in employment, divorce, single parenthood and the number of older people living alone meant that "new household formation is likely to be dominated by families whose aggregate income is both less, and also less secure".

This came at a time when low inflation meant that people's incomes were no longer buoyed up from year to year and the price of properties no longer rose. Because of these key features, people's ability to pay their mortgages and the security of the property itself were weakened. Industry analysts believe there are up to 1.8 million borrowers whose mortgages are larger than the value of their homes. About three quarters of these have less than £5,000 of negative equity and this could be eliminated quite quickly if prices stabilised, and then increased. The Halifax Building Society reported a fall in prices in April, but the Nationwide Building Society suggested that they were still on an upward trend.



Past lessons: Rosalind Gilmore urged careful lending

Memories of rapidly falling house prices seem to be fading among potential borrowers. Adrian Coles, director-general designate of the Building Societies Association, said a survey showed that confidence was rising again. The number of people who regard owning their own home as the ideal type of accommodation is back at the levels recorded before the housing market crashed.

Some 81 per cent of those who were asked in the spring said that owning their own home would be the ideal tenure in two years' time. This was the same as 1988-9 when property prices were rising by more than 20 per cent.

Younger people's enthusiasm is more muted, but 71 per cent of those in the 16 to 24 age group still backed home ownership. This was up 11 per cent on 1991 but down 8 per cent on the height of the market. Among 25 to 34-year-olds, 84 per cent wanted home ownership. This was down 5 per cent on 1989.

Intentions to buy are only an indication of confidence and may reflect the fact that mortgage payments are once again competitive with the cost of renting a property. Societies may have to warn borrowers in the future what their mortgages could cost if interest rates rise.

Sir Bryan Carsberg, Director General of the Office of Fair Trading, told the conference that he does not want to add to the Consumer Credit Act, but that this was one detail that would be useful to homebuyers. He also said he was not opposed to societies tying in insurance products and other services to special mortgage products so long as there was a "genuine" choice available to borrowers and the cost of the tied-in service was made clear. Often fixed-rate or first-time-buyer mortgages have compulsory policies.

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Nationwide admits transfers blunder

BY LIZ DOLAN

A BREAKDOWN in communications has left the Nationwide Building Society with egg on its face, despite an intensive training and education exercise aimed at preventing the misunderstanding that has subsequently arisen.

When Martin Dixon, a Nationwide customer, tried to transfer savings from a 90-day access savings account to the society's new postal account last month, he was told that he would lose interest on the move.

Mr Dixon said: "This information came as a complete surprise. I had actually read in *The Times* a few weeks earlier that I would be able to transfer my Capital Builder account to the new Invest Direct account without loss of interest." He said that, when the counter clerk was asked to check that she was giving him the correct information, she returned with the same story as before. Although Capital Builder investors are required to give 90 days' notice of withdrawals, this applies only to the first £10,000 in the account, with instant access to amounts above that limit.

Mr Dixon's branch said he would have to transfer his money in two tranches, leaving £10,000 in the old account until the 90-day notice period had elapsed. He pointed out that splitting the money between two accounts would mean that each separate balance would occupy a lower interest band than would be the case if the gross amount had been transferred in one block. In addition, he would be losing the higher rate of interest available on the postal account for an extra three months.

The Nationwide admitted that Mr Dixon had been wrongly informed. A spokesman said: "All Capital Builder account-holders would be able to transfer the full balance immediately without loss of interest, provided the amount involved is above the £2,000 minimum. We um'd and ah'd about this before the new account was launched, and finally decided that it would be unfair to penalise customers in this way. So long as they opened the original account before Invest Direct was launched on April 24, there should be no problem."

He said that, as always when Nationwide launched a new product, full details, together with training material for staff, were circulated a month or so beforehand, so that everyone was fully informed well before launch date. In addition, one of the half-hour training sessions conducted by each of the 731 branches was given over to discussion of the new product. He said: "There are also lots of guide cards and procedural material available to all staff. Somehow or other, we seem to have missed someone this time."

The spokesman emphasised that Mr Dixon would not lose out because of the society's mistake. Mr Dixon was then advised to ring the society's customer services division, which was awaiting his call.

Unfortunately, communications broke down once more, and Mr Dixon was again told that his branch had acted correctly. It took another hurried consultation between press office and customer services personnel before it was finally agreed that Mr Dixon's initial assumption had been the correct one. He is now awaiting repayment of any lost interest and an immediate transfer of his entire account to Invest Direct.

Nationwide is contacting one million customers over the next two weeks, informing them of the launch of Invest Direct, and of the no-penalty transfer provision. Mr Dixon, who is both a saver and a borrower with the society, said: "When I first heard about the new postal account I thought: terrific — I won't have to go through all the hassle of travelling all the way to my branch, and can avoid all the problems of parking meters and so on. It suits them because it's cheaper to run, and it suits me because it's more convenient and I get more interest."

Mr Dixon's relationship with the Nationwide appears to have been particularly ill-starred. He was also one of the people caught up in the row that erupted between the society and the building societies ombudsman a couple of years ago over the need to inform people properly that savings accounts had been closed to new customers and had been replaced by another account paying a higher rate of interest.



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How to check your pension swap

Cheated or treated? It is hard for a layman to know how he fares when switching pension plans. Margaret Dibben reports

NOW that interest rates are so low, anyone transferring a pension out of a company scheme should get better value than they would have done a couple of years ago. For most people, the problem is knowing whether the transfer value that they are offered is a reasonable one.

Transfer values tell the trustees of a new pension scheme how much someone has earned in their previous scheme. However, they do not reflect the actual amount of money paid into the pension, but rather an actuary's opinion of how much the scheme needs to set aside today to pay out on retirement, the benefits earned.

Ron Spill, pensions consultant at Legal & General, said: "You get differences between the way two actuaries calculate the future benefits and it is very hard to judge whether you have been short-changed or treated generously."

Steve Bee, pensions manager at Prudential, said: "It's like transferring money from an American bank account to a UK one. You have so many dollars and you want to close your account and open a new one. You want to check that the amount you are given in pounds is fair value for what you are giving up in dollars."

Current interest rates should ensure that transfer values are reasonably good at the moment. When interest rates are low, the pension fund will grow more slowly, so the transfer value needs to be larger to ensure that there is enough money to pay for the promised benefits. Clive Grimley, senior manager of Gissings, financial advisers, said: "When interest rates are very low, a larger transfer value is required to translate the benefits at retirement."

Because actuaries must be cautious in their assumptions, they use long-dated gilts to estimate future growth, and these gilts, indirectly, reflect current interest rates. However, historically, shares perform better than gilts, so, by taking a sum of money whose growth has been valued on gilts and switching it into a pension that will grow in line with equities, employees should end up with a bigger pension.

Michael Mountford, employee benefits manager with Abbey National Financial Services, said: "Now could be the time to take a transfer because you should have an increased fund with which to benefit from future investment returns."

It is beyond the scope of employees to check the merits of a transfer value, which includes a package of benefits including widows' pensions, death benefits and increases in retirement.

"If you're not completely up to the minute with pensions legislation and not an actuary, then really you haven't got much chance of doing it on your own," Mr Bee said.

Penny Green, deputy chief executive of the Occupational Pensions Advisory Service, explained one area of confusion, saying: "People seem to think that when they move from one final-salary scheme to another they should transfer year for year. What they forget is that possibly they have moved to a higher salary or a different benefit structure."

Someone may have spent ten years in the scheme he or she is leaving and be offered only 2.5 years in the new scheme, yet, as Mr Spill says, "if you have moved to a higher salary, the two could be equivalent".

Employees can use the transfer value to buy a personal pension or a Section 32 buy-out, which is similar. Or they can transfer it to a new company scheme. If they put the transfer value into a personal pension, it is immediately converted into a cash investment, less the charges that the company imposes and less about 4 per cent commission. If they put the transfer value into a new final-salary occupational pension, they get the value of benefits offered by their new employer.

They can get a second opinion on transfer values from an independent actuary and then, if they think they should have been offered more, can negotiate with the trustees for an improved valuation. For a straightforward decision, an actuary will charge about £150. The charges will be a lot more if the case is complicated. Ask the Association of Consulting Actuaries for names.

There are also a few specialist advisers providing a basic service free. Gissings will say whether they think a person should leave an old pension scheme and, if so, where to go. There is no charge, unless the person wants a very detailed breakdown, and Gissings make their money from any commission earned if a new pension is bought.

Abbey National Financial Services runs a similar pensions audit service. Mr Mountford said: "We have had about 7,000 enquiries in the past year. In some 35 per cent of the cases we analysed, we recommended people not to transfer. In a proportion, we said 'Definitely transfer', but there is a fairly wide band in the middle where we discussed the situation with the individual to help them reach a decision." Anyone who is moving straight into a new company scheme is charged £95.

The Abbey National has found that most transfer values are reasonable, but it does occasionally discover mistakes in the calculations. "We had one case where the pension scheme had misinterpreted an aspect of pensionable service within the context of their own scheme rules," Mr Mountford said. "As a result the transfer value was more than doubled."

There is no hurry to make a decision about transferring a pension to a new scheme. This can be done years after leaving a company, but the former employee must negotiate the value before he or she transfers. It is too late afterwards.

JOHN MANNING



Key to facts: Penny Green, a pension advisor, finds confusion over scheme swaps

Today's low interest rates look good for those leaving firms' retirement schemes

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Castigated banks: Gordon Brown, shadow chancellor

Banks deride APR of 1,000,000%

BY LIZ DOLAN

IN A week when Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor, castigated big banks for levying draconian penalties on unauthorised overdrafts, Firstdirect has announced increased charges for customers who exceed agreed overdrafts.

On July 30, the monthly flat fee for excess overdrafts will rise £5 to £25. The daily charge each time the overdraft rises will be £6 (currently £5). But the bank will no longer charge for letters telling customers they are over their limit.

The high street banks have poured scorn on Mr Brown's claim that customers were having to pay up to 1,000,000 per cent interest on an unauthorised £100 overdraft. Mr Brown delivered his accusation on the day that National Westminster became the first big bank to introduce daily charges. NatWest's customers who borrowed £100 without prior consent were now forced to pay interest at an annualised percentage rate (APR) of 1,000,000 per cent, Mr Brown said. On the same basis, Barclays charged 961 per cent APR, Midland 733 per cent and Lloyds 238 per cent.

NatWest said: "We've tried to do the same sum, and we just don't get anywhere near his figure. We're now trying to work out how he did it."

NatWest claimed the new heavy penalties for overdraft defaulters were justified because: "An unarranged situation causes us quite a bit more work. Statistics show that anyone who goes into overdraft uses the service much more than others."

Midland said: "These are alarmist figures. Mr Brown has taken the very worst examples, adding in every single possible charge. In practice, no one would be allowed to remain in this position for anything like a year." Barclays said: "We are surprised and annoyed by Mr Brown's attack. Both the scenario and figures he suggests are totally unworkable." On June 1, Barclays increased the monthly charge on unauthorised overdrafts above £200 from £25 to £30, and for bounced cheques from £20 to £25. All accounts carry a fee-free overdraft limit of £50. A monthly fee of £15 is levied on amounts between £50 and £200. NatWest ceased charging £20 per letter at the beginning of this month. It has also replaced quarterly charges for an authorised loans with a monthly fee of £9.

The Midland boosted its monthly fee for unauthorised overdrafts from £15 to £17 on May 10. The fee for an arranged overdraft on a non-interest bearing current account has been increased from £15 a quarter to £7 a month. Letters cost £12. Lloyds charges 2 per cent interest a month on unauthorised loans, and 1.5 per cent on authorised overdrafts.

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Final port of call for unhappy taxpayers

Elizabeth Filkin was named this week as the first Revenue adjudicator, Sara McConnell reports

PETER TREVENOR



Customer friendly: Elizabeth Filkin starts hearing complaints in July

TAXPAYERS with complaints about the way their affairs have been handled by the Inland Revenue will, for the first time, be able to take their case to an independent adjudicator.

Elizabeth Filkin was named this week as the first Revenue adjudicator and will start work officially on July 1. She will consider complaints about problems arising since the start of this tax year, April 5.

The creation of the new post is part of the Revenue's attempts under the Citizen's Charter to become more customer friendly. It is the first time a government department has employed an independent adjudicator to deal with public complaints.

Taxpayers will only be able to appeal to the adjudicator if they have exhausted all the Revenue's other local and regional complaints handling procedures.

Most of the Revenue's 15,000 complaints last year were solved at a local level. Taxpayers not satisfied with the response from their local office have to complain either to the controller of the relevant Inland Revenue office or the relevant regional director of the valuation office agency. If a complaint is still not resolved, taxpayers will now be able to approach Ms Filkin's office as a "final port of call".

Ombudsmen dealing with complaints about banks, building societies and life offices operate a similar system to make sure they deal only with complaints which cannot be handled by the companies themselves.

Taxpayers who are not satisfied with the adjudicator's decision will still have the right to ask their MPs to take up complaints with the Parliamentary ombudsman. He dealt with just under 40 cases last year. If the complainant decides to accept the adjudicator's decision, the Revenue normally will too, unless there are what it describes as "exceptional circumstances".

Those who try and circumvent the system will not gain any advantage. Ms Filkin said that her office had already received 22 complaints, although she does not open for business officially until July, but most of them have been sent back through the Revenue's internal complaints procedure. Ms Filkin said complaints would not be sent back with a "cool letter" to the taxpayer, but would be referred to the relevant office so that the complaints procedure could start.

Most of the complaints already received by the adjudicator's office concern the workings of Pay As You Earn, or the handling of complaints by Revenue staff. These problems would be within the adjudicator's remit. She and her 12 staff will deal with complaints about the way people's tax affairs have been handled, for example, said the Revenue, "complaints about excessive delay, errors, discourtesy, or the way in which the Revenue has exercised discretion".

Ms Filkin will not be able to handle complaints about tax law or the amount of tax the Revenue says people are liable to pay.

Ms Filkin said that an earlier estimate that she would receive between 20 and 60 complaints a week seemed "realistic" but that as people got to know that the Adjudicator existed, the workload could expand. The budget for the first year is £500,000. The Revenue stressed that Ms Filkin "will not be subject to any direction from the Inland Revenue in respect of any individual complaint or type of complaint."

Complaints to the adjudicator's office for Ms Filkin's attention after July 1 should be addressed to: The Revenue Adjudicator's Office, 3rd Floor, Haymarket House, 28, Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4SP. Phone 071 930 2292.

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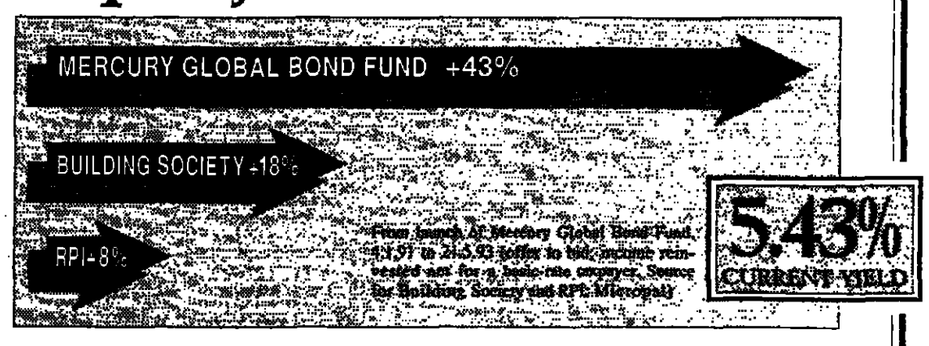
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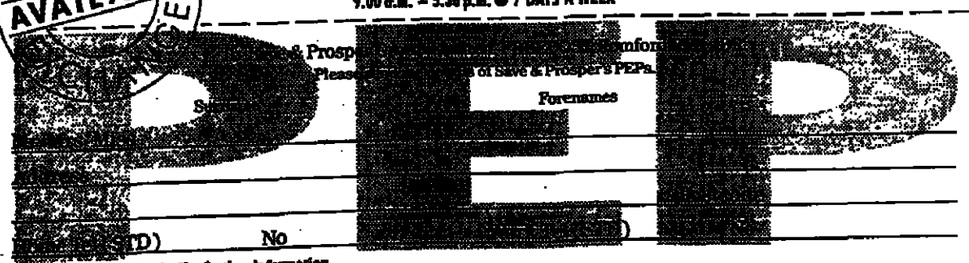
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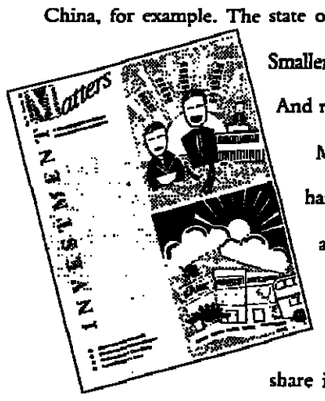
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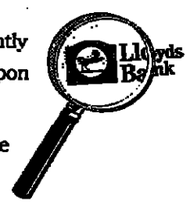
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It could be children's PIN money

From Mrs F.E. Mein

Sir, Controversy may well rage over "phantom withdrawals" from cashpoint machines and we know that machines are not infallible, but neither are people. In the last few weeks, I have witnessed, on four separate occasions, children being allowed to tap out the pin number by their mothers (two of them being lifted up).

Children have excellent memories and can no doubt repeat these numbers in the playground. One mother told me she often lent her card to her son of 14 years to withdraw money for her. No wonder the banks are unconvinced.

Yours faithfully,
F.E. MEIN,
8 John Ammen Close,
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Defeating the object of BES investment

From Mr H. Cartwright

Sir, It appears that Mr Peter Wright has scored an "own goal" with his comments about Mr Stern's proposal to amend the Finance Bill to exclude loanback type BES schemes. This type of investment has suggested returns of 10 per cent within six months, an annual rate of over 20 per cent net of tax. An alternative being, say, 5 per cent net from a building society.

Mr Wright's comments appear to overlook the basis on which his investment is able to offer such a return, that is by receiving 15 per cent higher rate tax relief (as well as receiving 25 per cent basic rate relief) from the Inland Revenue's coffers. This 40 per cent is then apparently shared, with the "backers of the scheme" taking 30 per cent, leaving, say, 10 per cent for Mr Wright's six month investment. It is therefore taking funds from all taxpayers, most with lower incomes than Mr Wright.

I am unable to see any reason why non-recourse loans should be allowed in such a situation, which totally defeats the spirit of a BES investment and is only profitable or worthwhile to higher rate taxpayers. As the underwriting institutions are proposing to take over the investments, and are happy with the return they will receive, I do not see why Mr Wright should not continue with his investment for the full five-year period. This should be no punishment, just a medium-term BES investment with some risk attached, but a possible good return.

I am sure a referendum on this question would receive at least a 90 per cent majority for Mr Stern's proposal, and therefore for once, it would be a popular political move. Let us have a few more and make it fairer for everyone!

If Mr Wright had taken advice from his accountants before making the investment, I feel sure some mention would have been made on the possibility of the withdrawal or amendment to the tax relief provisions, if indeed any are needed to exclude relief. It would seem to me Mr Wright has put the cart before the horse.

Yours faithfully,
H. CARTWRIGHT,
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More thoughts on pension surpluses

From the Director of SPS Pensions Ltd.

Sir, We have recently heard and read much about the entitlement of members of salary-related pension schemes to the full amount of any surplus which may from time to time build up. Implicit in the general outcry is an assumption that the employer should continue to contribute to the scheme at the "full" rate regardless of any overfunding, and that the surplus should be directed solely to paying out higher benefits to members. To put the matter in perspective we must remember why pension schemes exist.

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If, when a surplus arises, the member is to gain all the benefits and the employer none, while, when a deficiency arises, the employer carries the full cost, two thoughts arise. The first is whether the member would be happy to see a cut in his pension, present or future, when a deficiency results from poor asset performance. The second, and perhaps the most important, is whether employers will decide, in the face of the growing hue and cry, that the provision of salary-related pension schemes is no longer worth the candle.

Final salary schemes provide more consistent, and in most cases, better levels of pension than money purchase schemes. If employers are prevented from sharing in the good times, for example by benefiting from a reduction in contribution levels, there will be less inclination for them to help in the bad. There will then be real danger that the clamour, however well intentioned, will kill the goose that lays the golden egg.

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HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	3.48	3.54	2.83	2,500‡	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c	1.88	1.88	1.50	2,500‡	none	0604 252891
Co-operative Ultra	0.38	0.38	0.30	500‡	none	071 626 9543
Citibank	3.76	3.82	3.06	2,000‡	none	0800 555684
Lloyds HICA	0.38	0.38	0.30	10,000	none	0272 433372
Midland HICA	1.50	1.50	1.20	2,000‡	none	0742 528855
NatWest Special Reserve	1.13	1.13	0.90	500‡	none	0800 200 400
Royal Bank of Scot Prem A/c	1.50	1.51	1.21	2,000‡	none	031-556 8555
TSB Bank HICA	1.88	1.88	1.50	2,000‡	none	071-620 6000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share						
A/c	0.75	0.75	0.60	50+	none	——
Best buy — largest socs:						
Britannia	5.29	5.29	4.23	10,000 min	Postal	——
Bristol & West	5.44	5.44	4.35	25,000 min	Postal	——
Northern Rock	6.04	6.04	4.83	50,000 min	30 day	——
Woolwich	6.00	6.00	4.80	50,000 min	90 day	——
Bradford & Bingly	6.23	6.23	4.98	100,000 min	1 year	——
Best buy — all socs:						
North of England	5.83	5.83	4.50	25,000 min	Postal	——
Northern Rock	5.85	5.85	4.68	25,000 min	30 day	——
Marsden	6.00	6.00	4.80	50,000 min	60 day	——
Lambeth	6.10	6.10	4.88	30,000 min	90 day	——
Bradford & Bingly	6.08	6.08	4.86	50,000 min	1 year	——

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NATIONAL SAVINGS					
Ordinary A/c†	3.75	2.81	2.25	500-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c*	6.25	4.69	3.75	20-100,000	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond*	7.00	5.25	4.20	2,000-250,000	3 mth	0253 66151
6th Index Linkd†◊	3.25	3.25	3.25	100-10,000	8 day	091-386 4900
40th Issue Cert◊	5.75	5.75	5.75	100-10,000	8 day	091-386 4900
Yearly Plan†	5.75	5.75	5.75	20-400/mth	14 day	091-386 4900
Children's Bond	7.85	7.85	7.85	25-1,000		
Gen Ext Retirt	3.75	3.75	3.75			
Capital Bond*	7.75	5.81	4.65	100-250,000	8 days	041-649-4555
1st Option Bond*	4.75	4.75	3.80	1,000-250,000		
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
General Portfolio	5.10	5.10	4.34	20,000 min	1 yrs	Figures from
Prosperity Life	5.85	5.85	4.97	25,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
Financial Ass	6.50	6.50	5.53	50,000 min	3 yrs	Vere
Financial Ass	6.70	6.70	5.70	50,000 min	4 yrs	071 404 5766
Financial Ass	7.05	7.05	6.00	50,000 min	5 yrs	for details

RATES		**HOLIDAY RATES**	£ buys
RPI (April 92-93)	+1.3%	Spanish Pesetas:	186.00
Bank Base Rate	6%	French Francs:	8.05
Personal Loan	26%	Greek Drachma:	322.00
Credit Card	25 - 27%	Italian Lire:	2196.00

TESSA	CAR (%)	£3,000 val 1 year on	Transfer penalty	Minimum investmt	Telephone number
Dunfermline	8.00	£3,240.00	1mths notice+loss	£3,000	0383 721621
St Pancras	8.00	£3,240.00	£25+30days notice	£10	071 7942331
Nat Counties	7.90	£3,237.00	90 Days loss	£3,000	0372 742211
Bath Investmt	7.75	£3,232.50		£1	0225 423271
Tipton & Coly	7.65	£3,229.50	£20+7days notice	£1	021 5572551

† 2.5% for balances below £500. first £70 of interest tax free, instant access for withdrawals of £100 of less * Additional holdings up to £50,000 for investors re-investing proceeds of expiring matured certificates †Tax free *Interest taxable paid gross ◊Higher rates for larger sums ◊Guaranteed over the rate of inflation *0.5% net bonus for amounts £20,000+.

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LARGER LENDERS

Lender	Interest Rate %	Loan Size	Max %	Notes
BUILDING SOCIETIES				
Britannia 0538 399399	3.99	negotiable	90	After 4% discount for first 6 months
Cheltenham & Glost. 0452 372372	4.00	to £70K	90	Rate fixed to 28.2.94
Yorkshire 0274 740740	4.49	to £250K	94	After 2.50% discount for 6 months
BANKS				
TSB England & Wales 021 600 6020	5.75	£20 to 100K	95	Rate fixed to 31.5.94
Royal Bank of Scot. 031 556 8555	5.99	negotiable	95	After 2% discount for first year

Source: Bleys MortgageMatch, further info. Bleys Guiden 0753 880477

M&G RECOVERY FUND PERFORMANCE RECORD

Year ended 31st December	£1,000 Lump Sum Building Society	£1,000 Lump Sum M&G Recovery	£40 a month Amount Invested	£40 a month Building Society	£40 a month M&G Recovery
23 May 1969	£1,000	£1,000	£40	£40	£40
1969	1,028	1,136	280	285	304
1970	1,080	1,176	760	792	776
1971	1,134	1,920	1,240	1,324	1,924
1972	1,190	2,664	1,720	1,883	3,187
1973	1,268	2,272	2,200	2,504	3,118
1974	1,366	1,512	2,680	3,196	2,434
1975	1,466	2,640	3,160	3,930	4,825
1976	1,571	2,720	3,640	4,709	5,430
1977	1,682	5,960	4,120	5,542	12,536
1978	1,793	7,424	4,600	6,402	16,128
1979	1,947	8,920	5,080	7,458	19,831
1980	2,154	10,256	5,560	8,757	23,260
1981	2,356	12,000	6,040	10,084	27,690
1982	2,568	11,424	6,520	11,494	26,796
1983	2,759	16,272	7,000	12,843	38,694
1984	2,976	21,472	7,480	14,357	51,572
1985	3,240	27,080	7,960	16,135	65,543
1986	3,496	40,152	8,440	17,910	97,702
1987	3,768	50,136	8,920	19,798	122,427
1988	4,037	59,232	9,400	21,713	145,130
1989	4,418	72,616	9,880	24,267	178,404
1990	4,895	58,880	10,360	27,399	145,066
1991	5,308	62,400	10,840	30,208	154,167
1992	5,650	76,960	11,320	32,649	190,664
28 May 1993	5,755	90,720	11,520	33,455*	224,957

Notes: All figures include re-invested income net of basic-rate tax. M&G Recovery figures show the return to the investor. The Building Society figures are based on the average rate of a Building Society Share Account (Source: Central Statistical Office – Financial Statistics). The regular savings figures exclude the last payment and all payments apart from the first are made on the last business day of the month.
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Threat of terrorism sends insurance costs skyward

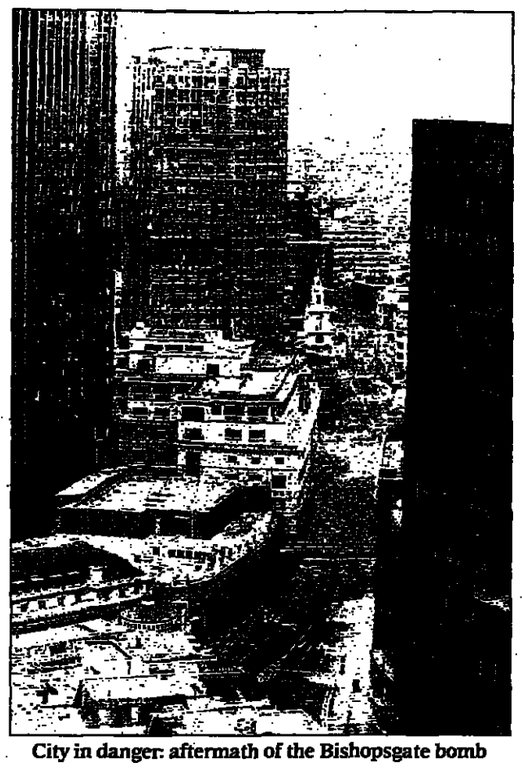
BY MARGARET DIBBEN

FLAT-OWNERS are having to pay higher premiums to cover them against terrorist attacks. The Association of British Insurers has announced that blocks of flats insured for more than £2.5 million will have to pay a premium of 0.01 per cent of the sum insured over £2.5 million for properties in London and other cities: 0.005 per cent elsewhere.

A London block of flats insured for £5 million will have to pay premiums of £250 specifically for terrorist insurance. Blocks insured for less than £2.5 million should be regarded as domestic property, so no separate insurance should be needed. Owners of commercial properties were told last December that they would have to pay separately for terrorist cover and in July the rates will go up again. Private homes are not affected by the changes but initially blocks of flats were included as commercial property and some landlords imposed big additional insurance bills.

Until the end of last year, all property was automatically insured for damage caused by terrorist activity under normal buildings insurance policies, but from the start of this year, reinsurers refused to cover the risk. This followed the Baltic Exchange bomb, which is estimated to be costing insurers about £350 million.

Commercial customers were told that, when their insurance reached its next annual review, they would have to buy separate terrorism insurance or go without cover. For commercial property, the cost of terrorism insurance will rise from July 1; inner-city areas are likely to bear the brunt of higher charges. The Bishopsgate bomb, costing insurers about £400 million, is already putting a strain on the resources of the company set up by the government to handle terrorist insurance.



City in danger: aftermath of the Bishopsgate bomb

Pool Reinsurance, which has the government as reinsurer of last resort, started in January and had hoped to build a substantial fund from insurance premiums before having to make any payments. But the latest IRA attack means it already faces claims and higher charges are being discussed. Pool Re is reviewing underwriting terms and has told insurance companies to stop giving quotations for business starting after June 30. They must withdraw quotations already made, unless they have actually been accepted, and may not bring forward renewal dates to take advantage of current underwriting terms.

A Pool Re spokesman said: "Rates invariably will move but some of the rumours going round are wildly out." He expects the increase to be less than threefold. The changes are likely to involve both higher rates and alterations to the rating zones which charge more for buildings in high-risk areas.

Insurance companies and brokers are uncertain about what is happening. Peter Newnham, director of Holmwoods, a school insurance specialist, said: "At the moment we are in limbo while they decide exactly what they are going to do." Premium rates are set by Pool Ré but insurance companies feel that a hike in premiums would be self-defeating because firms would refuse to take the cover.

Politically, the government does not want to put extra strains on small businesses but, in view of spending cuts being planned, it would not want to lay itself open to the multi-million pound cost of repairing terrorist damage.

Although Pool Re has already started accepting risk, it does not yet have legal authorisation. The bill sanctioning its existence is expected to receive royal assent within the next four or five weeks.

about 300 insurance companies and Lloyd's syndicates have joined the Pool Re scheme, to which they will pass on their premiums. Customers who choose to pay for terrorist insurance will claim for the first £100,000 of damage in each of about five categories from the insurance company and then claim from Pool Re. If Pool Re runs out of money, insurance companies must contribute another 10 per cent. If even that money is used up, the government will act as reinsurer of last resort.

The spokesman for Pool Re denied rumours that terrorist insurance would be made compulsory: "It will remain as an option that people will choose to buy."

Heavy private demand likely for NIE sale

HEAVY demand by private investors is expected for shares in Northern Ireland Electricity. When the lists closed on Tuesday, 800,000 people had registered for the £360 million offer, of whom 85 per cent came through one of the four share shops. More than half came from outside the province (writes Liz Dolan).

The 220p offer price, announced as the prospectus was published on Thursday, was roughly in the middle of market forecasts. Shareholders pay 100p a share on application and the balance in one year.

Stock market analysts are forecasting a possible 20 per cent premium on the partly paid shares when dealings start on June 21. They say that, at 10.02p a share net for 1992-93, dividends have been calculated more generously than for the other regional companies. The relatively attractive dividend yield is is expected to encourage more people to hang on to their shares, rather than selling them in the first month or two.

Mini-prospectuses and application forms are being sent to all registrants over the next few days. Prospectuses will be available at all branches of Ulster Bank and main branches of National Westminster and the Royal Bank of Scotland from Wednesday.

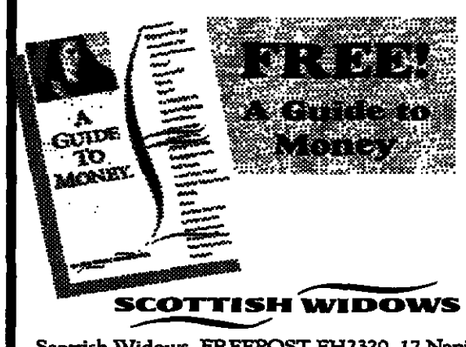
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31	Berkeley Gp	Building,Rds	
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35	SIP Capital	Finance, Land	
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Soggy end to account

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began May 24. Dealings ended yesterday. §Contango day Monday. Settlement day June 14. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
416	345	Abbey Ntl	403	-7	11.5	3.6	15.5
256	179	Allied Irish	255	+3	...	4.4	13.0
176	130	Ans New Z	163 †	+2	...	5.5	...
3806½	2793½	Bankamerica	2831½	-47½	...	...	...
250	188	Bk of Ireland	241 †	+3	...	5.6	...
355	325	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	17.0	6.5	...
147½	116½	Bank Scotland	137½	-1½	4.5	4.2	27.4
470	362	Barclays	457	-4	15.1	4.1	-
3½	2	Benchmark	2½	...	...	...	...
52	31	Brown Shipley	35	...	...	...	...
19½	15½	Carlisle	16½	...	...	...	...
497	395	Cater Allen	497	+2	26.0	6.5	...
12½	85	Cattles	12½	...	...	4.2	16.8
2450	1787½	Chase Manh	1968½	-15½	...	...	...
2043½	1343½	Citicorp	1825 †	-12½	...	...	...
370	250	Close Bros	368	-1	...	3.3	16.4
£129½	9275	Commerzbk	£115½	+50	...	3.4	...
£304½	£253½	Deutsche Bk	£275	...	...	2.3	...
81	45	First Nat Fin	73	...	...	...	...
1414	875	Fuji Bank Y	1414	+12	...	0.3	-
465	343	Gerrard Nat	438	...	21.5	6.4	11.2
654	490	HSBC	620	-3	19.0	3.8	14.8
634	474	HSBC HK	608	-1	19.0	3.9	14.5
356	343	Hambros	341	...	13.8	5.1	15.1
365	313	Joseph (L)	358	...	15.8	5.5	...
155	96	King Shaxson	134 †	...	9.0	8.4	...
420	312	Kleinwort Ben	414	...	16.0	4.8	14.4
573	402	Lloyds	549	+2	18.4	4.2	15.7
87	63	Lon Scot Bk	83	...	3.0	4.5	16.5
451½	332	Nat Aust Bk	420	-6	...	4.9	14.3
489	398	Nat West	465	-3	17.5	4.7	28.2
362	270	Provident	349	+7	11.4	4.1	15.1
47	39	Rea Bros	42	...	0.5	1.5	44.6
298	207	Ryl Bk Scot	287	+1	8.8	3.8	...
987½	467½	Schroders	980	...	...	1.4	18.9
758	576	Stand Chart	745	-5	20.0	3.4	...
198	145½	TSB	184	-4½	6.4	4.3	...
140	78	Union Disc	136	+1	...	...	...
741	529	Warburg SG	735	-4	...	3.3	16.2
250	195	-do- 6% 'A'	248	-1	...	3.0	...
7850	4947½	Wells Fargo	6887½	-62½	...	1.5	...
170	121	Westpac	169	...	...	4.6	...
215	168	Wintrust	208	+3	9.3	5.6	8.0

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	517	Allied-Lyons	520 †	-5	...	4.9	17.6
647	444	Bass	446 †	-9	18.9	5.3	9.7
273	180	Boddington	260	-2	7.3	3.5	15.2
415	362	Bulmer (HP)	384	...	9.0	2.9	17.7
159	129	Buttonwd Brw	144	...	4.4	3.9	10.5
307	261	Devenish (JA)	290	-4	7.8	3.5	15.8
99	75	Eldridge P 'A'▲	92	...	...	4.4	34.3
65½	50½	Fosters Brewing	52½	+½	...	5.2	7.3
300	179	Fullr Sm 'A'▲	290	...	...	2.2	16.4
490	385	Grand Met	401	-6	12.3	3.9	13.1
427	380	Greenalls Grp	393 †	...	11.7	3.8	12.7
563	505	Greene King	545	-9	11.6	2.7	14.3
516	440	Guinness	468	-1	...	3.2	16.7
281	230	Hardy Hansn	240	...	7.9	4.1	13.3
125	105	Heavitree▲	105	...	3.0	3.6	25.2
95	73	-do- 'A' LV▲	82	...	3.0	4.6	19.6
290	255	Highland Distl	290	-7	6.0	2.6	19.2
3125	2538	Holt J	2900	...	41.0	1.7	19.3
58	33	Hoskins Brew	56 #	...	...	...	40.3
327	250	Invergordon Dist	277	-5	7.0	3.2	-
186	157	Macallan-Glen	169	...	0.9	0.7	37.9
465	375	Marstn Thmpsn 'A'	408	...	8.8	2.9	-
775	655	Mansfield	775	...	13.6	2.2	16.6
256	231	Minstn Thmp	231	-1	4.9	2.7	13.5
435	405	Matthew Clark	405	-6	15.7	4.9	12.1
300	257	Merrydown W	260	-3	...	3.0	18.8
519	455	Morland	518	...	8.4	2.0	20.5
12	6½	Paramount▲	9	...	...	2.1	16.0
862	757	SA Breweries	845 †	+5	...	3.2	-
452½	405	Scot & New	440	-4	16.1	4.6	12.0
223	191	Taunton Cider	210	...	...	2.8	19.6
234	213	Vaux Group	219 †	-1	9.3	5.3	15.1
301	229	Wetherspoon JD	291	-6	...	2.1	23.5
507	475	Whitbread 'A'	482	-6	...	4.7	11.8
1150	950	-do- 'B'	[illegible]	...	...	2.4	23.0
613	495	Wolvrhmptn D	508 †	-5	11.4	2.8	14.3
515	475	Youngs 'A'	490 †	...	14.5	3.8	-

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
115	77	Abbey	115	...	...	1.2	41.5
27	13	Alborghione▲	20	...	...	...	...
100	57	Allen▲	100	...	...	6.2	10.8
90	65	Amec	90	-2	1.0	4.2	16.6
9½	4	Anglia Sec	7	...	...	...	...
214	155	Aldrade	212	...	4.1	2.4	26.3
142	108	Almands	120	+3	5.0	5.3	17.1
240	190	BPB Ind	237	+2	...	4.0	99.2
90	57	Baggeridge Brk	84	-1	3.1	4.7	28.0
31	16	Bailey (Ben) Cstn	27	-1	0.5	...	...
105	74	Barcon	101	...	1.2	1.6	18.1
147	94	Barratt Devs	139	-1	2.0	1.8	19.4
412	258	Bellway	398	+4	...	3.8	23.1
32	15	Beltec	26	...	...	...	...
423	355	Berkeley Gp	393	+5	...	1.9	27.1
83	45	Bett Bros	83	...	...	0.8	3.4
85	56	Blockleys	80	-1	1.0	2.1	66.3
265	185	Blue Circle	248	-2	...	5.7	...
285	225	Bont (Henry)	282	...	5.9	2.6	15.8
106	75	Breedon Plc	94	...	4.6	6.1	22.7
121	82	Br Dredging	114	...	5.2	5.7	25.3
75	45	Brit Fittings	71	...	1.5	2.6	...
151	98	Bryant	134½	...	4.8	4.5	28.8
81	53	CALA	80	...	2.3	...	...
280	208	CRH	266	-3	...	3.3	17.8
43	27	Cakebread Rby	34	...	...	...	...
42	23	Costain	37	-1	...	...	...
157½	56	Countryside	125	...	...	4.1	33.4
70	38	Crest Nicholson	65	+1	0.0	...	...
44	28	Cussins	36	-1	...	...	...
3	1½	Dunton▲	1½	...	...	...	...
37	16½	Edmund Hldgs	32	...	0.5	3.1	...
286	175	Epwin	267	...	6.8	3.4	30.9
51	25	Erith	49	...	0.3	0.9	...
201	252	Evr Group▲	190	...	...	3.5	12.7
98	54	Everard Barton	58	+3	2.0	4.3	27.2
6½	4½	Esplanade▲	4½	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp▲	132	...	...	4.7	21.0
50	36	Galliford	42	...	4.3	...	16.9
73	60	Gibbs & Dandy	63	...	...	...	...
305	205	Gleeson (MJ)	305	...	12.7	1.8	14.0
122½	90	Hewden-Stuart	116½	-1½	...	3.5	26.5
61	25	Hewetson	49	...	2.6	...	48.8
291	180	Heywd Wlm	280	+3	12.5	5.6	...
39	22	Higgs & Hill	37	+4	2.5	3.5	...
35	17	How Gp	28	+1	1.5	6.7	...
19	15	Howard Hldgs	18	...	0.5	3.5	...
70	39	Ibstock Johnsen	66	...	1.0	1.9	...
17½	12½	Jarvis	15 †	...	...	...	...
273	196	Laing (J)	255	...	4.0	4.4	10.7
85	55	Le Cedroma▲	68	...	4.5	8.3	25.6
20	10½	Lovell (YJ)	19½	...	...	...	8.9
335	240	Manders	312	+2	9.0	3.6	19.1
143	92	Marley	132	-1	4.2	4.0	38.7
80	61	Marshalls	88	...	...	7.1	20.4
165	122	Maunders (J)	162	...	4.9	3.9	14.3
214	196	McAlpine (A)	204	...	6.5	4.0	39.3
47	23	McCarthy & S	36	-1	0.5	...	...
398	272	Meyer Intl	382	...	...	3.3	41.0
4	4	Miskin Gp▲	4 #	...	...	...	...
127	62	Mowlem (J)	120	...	4.0	4.2	...
74	51	NSM	95	...	...	...	...
53	49	Nordler▲	48	...	...	...	...
160	106	Newman Tnks	144	-4	...	6.9	19.2
230	197	Persimmon	224	...	8.6	3.9	28.0
31	23	Phoenix Timber	23	...	...	...	...
1625	1237½	Pochins	1525	...	28.0	2.4	9.3
146	94	Prowting	133	...	3.4	3.2	...

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
6½	3¾	Quilligotti▲	4½	...	...	...	...
757	535	RMC Gp	757	+5	...	3.1	20.8
117	90	Raine Ind	99	-½	6.0	7.6	16.5
36	20	Ransom▲	21	...	...	...	...
519	402	Redland	484	-9	23.0	6.3	28.2
75	64	Rodiel	72	...	4.3	7.5	10.6
284½	207	Rugby Group	284	...	6.4	2.8	21.7
42	23	Smith-Eve▲	42	...	...	...	...
112	68	Sharpe & Fisher	112	...	...	4.5	19.5
172	86½	Sheffield Insl	171 †	...	...	3.9	42.0
100	82	Sheriff Hldgs▲	100	...	...	2.5	14.9
95	66	Shorco▲	74	...	...	8.8	16.8
228	200	Smart (J)	200	...	8.5	5.4	9.0
6½	4½	Starmin	5 †	...	0.3	7.5	-
142	103	Tarmac	134	...	3.5	5.1	...
194	137	Tay Homes	179	-1	5.8	4.1	11.4
118	63	Taylor Woodrw	110	-1	1.0	1.1	...
558	433	Tilbury Dougls	555 †	-3	33.0	7.4	-
27	19	Torex Hire▲	27	...	...	1.9	...
227	168	Travis Perkins	226	...	8.0	4.4	39.8
40	30	Try Group	39	...	1.0	3.2	11.0
28	25	Tudor▲	28	...	...	1.1	...
68	41	Vibroplant	68	+1	3.6	6.6	12.5
65	20	Ward Hldgs	55	...	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	31	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	300	...	10.7	3.4	16.8
26	8	Wescol▲	26	...	...	...	...
152	90	Westbury	142	-3	5.0	4.5	...
12	4½	West Scaffold▲	9½	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	8 #	...	...	...	...
461	371	Wilson Bowdn	451	...	8.7	2.4	30.9
205	147	Wilson (C)	189	+1	3.9	2.6	32.7
186	107	Wimpey G	179	-1	3.2	3.7	...
47	25	YRM	45	...	4.0	...	5.2

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	608	+3	...	...	-
228	198	Adam & Harvey	213	...	11.0	6.5	3.3
92	56	Air London▲	63	...	...	6.9	7.8
54	37	African Lakes	54	...	2.0	4.6	...
178	125	Auto Sec	169	...	...	3.9	30.3
116	84	BET Ord	115	+1	...	7.1	16.8
93	41	BNB Res	91	...	4.9	6.7	...
318	258	BPP	290	...	8.0	3.4	16.0
355	235	Barbour Index	240	+2	7.2	3.8	17.8
22	15	Boustead	19	...	0.7	4.6	...
241	184	Brit Data Mgt	241	+1	...	2.1	20.1
21	11	Broadcastle▲	21	...	...	...	16.7
73	54	Brooks Service	71	...	...	...	...
104	86	CRT Gp	90	...	2.4	3.3	10.3
175	139½	Capita Group	175	...	...	1.5	27.3
42½	31	Casket Plc	41½	-1	0.8	2.4	-
55	40	Chiltern Capital	48½	...	...	...	...
51	26	Christie	40	...	...	...	...
205	229	Chubb Sec	204	-1	...	1.2	32.5
50	18	Comac▲	38	-4	...	4.9	9.5
23	6½	Corp Services	21½	+¼	...	...	...
93	50	Dart	88	...	3.3	4.7	10.0
231	198	Davis Service	220	...	...	4.5	16.6
104	85	EW Fact▲	92	...	4.3	5.9	10.5
28	11	Gardiner	24	-½	0.6	3.5	16.6
44	20	Gardner (DC)	36	...	...	...	...
246	215	Hays	216	...	4.6	2.7	21.3
220	174	Hogg Robinson	204	+14	6.3	3.9	15.3
70	48	Holmes Protectn	48	-2	...	...	3.1
189	127	Harch Whamp	175	...	...	2.7	-
£125¼	9050	ISS B DKr	£125¼	-37½	...	0.9	17.3
637	532	Inchcape	581	-10	...	3.0	20.2
863	669	Johnson Clean	828	...	25.7	3.9	-
12	2½	Lep	11	...	...	...	...
244	173	Mitie Gp	220	...	2.7	1.6	18.1
1187	893	Manpower	1007	...	...	...	...
48	40½	Michael Page	48	...	1.8	4.7	20.4
279	217	Penna▲	247	-3	...	1.0	62.6
4½	2	Prime People▲	3½	...	...	...	...
142	82½	Proudfoot Alex	85	...	12.0	17.6	-
423	373	RCO	375	...	12.8	4.6	12.9
118	105	REA	105 †	...	4.0	4.8	...
99	43	Reed Executive	99	...	...	...	...
156	113	Reliance Sec▲	132	-1	...	4.3	13.1
238	179	Rentokil	181	-8	2.3	1.6	22.6
278	240	Rolfe & Nolan	265	...	7.2	3.5	-
399	343	Salvesen (C)	355½	-8½	7.0	2.5	19.7
35	29	Scott Pickford▲	29	...	...	3.4	8.0
305	164	Securiguard	302	+4	9.4	3.9	16.0
8½	5	Select Appo▲	6	...	...	...	...
988	695	Serco Gp	963	-2	14.0	1.8	26.6
352	247	Sherwd Cmpt▲	347	-1	...	3.5	-
130	90	Sketchley	90 †	...	3.0	4.2	-
355	310	Warner Howrd	321 †	...	6.5	2.5	16.8
45	27	Welpac	33	...	0.6	2.5	...
26	14	Willis Gp	22	...	...	0.6	30.1

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	210	Allied Colloids	215	+4	3.9	2.3	17.1
739	613	Amersham	719	...	12.5	2.2	26.7
7	3½	Anglo Utd	3½	...	0.8	...	...
£101½	8325	BASF DM	9375	-34½	...	7.4	...
259	199	BTP	249 †	...	...	4.7	20.3
£119	£101¼	Bayer DM50	£107	...	...	5.3	...
178	134	Blagden	170	-3	9.5	7.0	18.3
165	93	Brent Chems	97	...	...	9.5	8.9
530	395	Br Bio-Tech	400	...	...	...	...
39	17½	Caird Gp	17½	...	1.3	9.5	-
153	126	Canning (W)	146	-2	7.2	6.2	16.7
608	504	Courtaulds	535½	+5½	...	3.3	14.0
281	228	Croda	273	-3	...	3.5	17.8
149	121	Doeflex	140	-7	4.6	4.1	10.7
208	175	Ellis & Everard	206	...	7.0	4.3	18.8
31	15½	Evro Colour	29½	-½	0.8	3.5	17.7
271	259	Halstead (J)	288	-1	...	2.6	14.4
261	194	Hickson	239	+1	...	4.2	22.2
£114½	8850	Hoechst	9875	...	...	...	...
223	195	Holliday Chem	223	+1	...	2.1	20.5
694	608	ICI	689	+2	...	5.0	...
688	581	Laporte	616	-1	19.5	4.0	17.0
223	181	Leigh	201	...	7.8	4.9	16.4
19½	7	MTM	12½	-½	...	...	...
1750	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1737½	-9½	...	1.7	24.7
450	370	Paterson Zoch	448	...	11.4	3.2	19.3
400	360	-do- 'A'	398	...	11.4	3.6	17.2
296	244	Plysu	244	-3	7.0	3.7	-
215	173	Porvair	215	...	3.6	2.1	23.0
13	7½	Sutcliffe Speak	10½	...	...	...	...
475	425	Wardle Storeys	434	...	16.0	4.6	17.4
490	395	Wistnholme R	455	...	17.0	4.7	15.6
401	368	Yorks Chem	390	-1	...	2.5	20.9
306	240	Yule Catto	295	...	5.9	2.5	18.0

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
105	63	Alexon	88	-2	3.0	4.3	...
87	42	Amber Day	74 †	-2	3.1	5.2	20.3
319	257	Argos Plc	305	-3	...	2.9	26.0
116	69	Ashley (Laura)	114	...	0.1	0.1	...
305	278	Asprey▲	285	...	...	2.1	23.1
250	188	Austin Reed	248	...	5.0	2.5	-
153	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	148	...	6.0	5.1	-
121	97	Bentalls	108	...	1.9	2.2	...
276	208	Betterware	250	-5	2.0	1.0	-
35	22	Blacks Leis	34	-1	3.3	...	7.0
227	133	Body Shop	197	-7	1.7	1.1	-
16	12	Brown & Jackson	15 †	-½	...	0.7	-
401	318	Brown (N)	378	...	7.0	2.3	-
87½	64½	Burton	81½	-2	...	3.1	...
145	126	Castors	143	...	...	2.3	19.0
355	295	Church	353	...	12.5	4.4	31.4
183	97	Clinton Cards	145	...	4.2	3.7	17.5
247	212	Coats Viyella	225	-4	...	4.0	35.5
106	78	Colourvision▲	97	-3	...	...	16.4
504	374	Courts Furnish	504	...	5.0	1.2	25.1
155	115	Crown Eye▲	137	...	...	5.5	6.4
109	89	Dairy Farm Intl	106	...	...	3.2	16.9
70½	51½	Dewhirst (IJ)	69½	-½	1.0	1.8	22.3
281	194½	Dixons Grp	210	-4	6.0	3.6	24.7
405	320	Dunhill	335	-44	8.1	3.1	-
12	12½	ERA Gp	12	-1	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	460	...	16.0	4.5	15.4
115	71	Essex Furn	101	...	...	3.4	17.1
249	203	Etam	239 †	-1	6.9	3.6	21.9
562	499	Fine Art Dev	541 †	+1	12.7	2.9	-
50	26	Fired Earth Tiles	38	...	...	...	...
500	498	Formfnster	498	...	12.5	3.1	10.4
72	24	French Connt▲	72	+3	...	...	...
48	21	Gabbicci▲	46	...	2.0	...	9.2
65	43	Gent SR	49	...	2.0	5.1	14.4
47	23	Goldsmiths Gp	46	...	0.3	0.8	...
2925	2400	GUS	2913	...	40.0	1.7	23.2
1728	1563	-do- 'A'	1628	-27	40.0	3.1	13.0
40	34	Hampden Grp▲	34	...	...	3.7	16.9
277	70	Hartstone	39½	-1½	4.8	15.4	2.4
25½	13	Helene Plc	23	...	2.0	10.8	10.8
60	29	Heritage▲	55	...	...	...	...
61	35	Honeysuckle▲	58	-2	...	2.2	8.2
93	63	Jacques Vert	76	...	2.0	...	...
619	496	Kingfisher	586 †	...	...	2.9	19.2
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	66	...	4.0	7.6	13.6
685	495	Liberty	640	...	7.2	1.4	75.4
320	265	Lloyds Chem	302	-3	5.5	2.3	11.8
152	120	MFI	135	+4	...	3.5	18.0
365	311	Marks Spencer	337 †	+1	...	3.0	18.7
505	445	Menzies (John)	497	-2	10.0	2.5	16.5
178	135	Moss Bros	178	+1	5.5	3.9	-
178½	139½	Next	165 †	-1	2.5	1.9	-
40	15	Oliver (G)	39	...	...	...	...
250	197	Oriflame Intl	215	...	...	5.6	14.0
63	45	Pentos	53 †	-½	1.5	3.5	11.0
313	255	QS Hldgs	284 †	...	5.1	2.1	20.2
41½	11	Ratners Group	33½	-½	2.4	9.0	...
35	20½	Rhino Grp▲	30½	...	...	...	...
139	120	Rosebys	139	-1	...	3.9	16.7
174	137	Sherwood Gp	169	...	...	1.9	15.2
108	93	Sears	98	-2	3.5	4.5	-
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	431	-1	13.4	3.9	15.2
15	4½	Specialeyes▲	11	...	...	...	...
219	176	Storehouse	204	-3	...	3.1	26.1
191	140	T & S Stores	184	...	5.9	4.5	12.2
133	71	Tie Rack	129	-2	...	1.0	21.0
220	160	Time Products	212	...	7.5	4.5	-
100	63	Usher (Frank)▲	92	...	...	6.8	7.3
45	27	Vivat	35	...	1.0	3.6	10.8
40	35	Wensum▲	38	...	...	6.3	...
130	78	Wickes	116	-2	...	...	51.5
71	45	Wld of Leather▲	71	+6	...	...	...
198	146	Wyevale▲	182	-1	...	2.7	-
4	2½	Xtra-vision▲	3½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
182	147	ACT Group	149	+1	4.5	3.8	14.7
240	223	Acal▲	238	...	...	3.1	19.9
162½	38	Acorn Comptr▲	96	-4	...	...	48.7
480	385	Admiral	439	+1	5.4	1.5	18.6
131	100	Alba	126	...	4.7	4.6	10.8
45	19½	Alphameric	44	+1	...	...	...
38½	22	Amstrad	34½	-½	0.4	...	...
128	73	App Holo▲	80	+1	...	...	...
21	13	Arlen	20	...	...	...	...
38	35½	Astec	38	...	...	...	0.9
290	250	Beales Hunter	275	...	4.2	4.2	14.5
9	3½	Bennett & Fountn	5½	...	...	...	...
403½	319	BICC	388	-1	19.2	6.2	26.3
575	455	Bilck	484	...	9.2	2.4	18.8
1700	1150	Borland▲	1588	-12	...	...	...
319	274	Bowthorpe	316	-1	6.3	2.5	-
445½	376	BT	407	-17	...	4.9	20.1
10½	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	10½	...	0.1	1.2	...
151	110	Burnfield	142	+2	5.7	5.1	22.5
760	669	Cable Wireless	731	-22	13.2	2.1	22.6
17½	11½	Chloride	17½	-½	...	...	...
251	229	CML Micro▲	251	...	...	2.4	16.5
115	74	Comptr People	115	...	0.6	0.7	...
158	109½	Cray Elect	155	-1½	...	0.4	12.7
338	243	Crichley	338	...	...	2.3	24.0
119	86	Dale	98	-1	5.1	6.6	9.4
548	414	Delta	529	+1	...	3.3	21.8
298	205	Densmans Ele▲	297	...	...	2.6	12.7
620	480	Domino	483	-1	7.2	1.9	16.5
65	48	Dowding Mills	57	-2	2.5	5.5	18.7
1040	865	Druck▲	1038	...	...	1.1	25.3
411	358	Electrocomponts	384	-4	7.0	2.3	20.8
573	470	El Data Pre	555	...	5.1	1.1	15.2
86	43	Electron House	80	...	2.3	3.7	24.4
30½	18½	Emess	26	-1	0.1	0.5	...
587	442	Eurotherm	598	...	8.0	1.2	36.7
136	80	FKI	131½	-½	2.3	2.2	25.5
391	340	Farnell Elect	382	-1	6.2	2.0	-
51	31	Feedback	48	...	...	...	...
18	9½	Ferranti	14	-½	...	...	...
198	181	First Tech	196	+1	...	...	...
236	81	Forward Gp▲	234	...	...	1.9	-
21	16	Forward Tech	16	...	...	...	...
328½	264	GEC	321	-½	9.6	3.7	17.0
182	132	Graseby	157	+1	10.9	8.7	-
11½	8	Graystone	8	...	...	...	...
39	39	Hillclare▲	39	...	...	1.6	13.7
150	83	INSTEM▲	145	+3	...	2.7	10.4
398	330	Jones Stroud	378	...	8.0	2.6	16.5
14	8	Kembrey	13½	...	0.3	3.5	5.2
321	260	Kenwood App	308	-3	...	3.0	16.3
181	47	Kewill Sys▲	163	-1	...	...	8.2
206	100	Kode	206	+1	5.5	3.3	24.4
60	16	Laser-Scan▲	46	-4	...	...	...
365	122	LBMS▲	310	...	...	...	...
300	240	Lec Refrig	272	...	9.0	4.1	...

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
179	135	Life Sciences	154	...	3.5	2.9	16.7
232	164	Logica	231	...	3.6	2.0	27.3
54	44	LPA Ind▲	45	...	...	9.8	12.7
212	179	MR Data Mngmt	180	-3	4.3	3.0	17.2
673	533	Macro 4	668	...	...	2.4	22.4
630	527	Memtec-SW▲	595	...	...	1.9	19.5
3013	1988	Micro Focus	2228	...	...	...	20.5
227	187	Microgen	188	...	7.2	4.8	12.8
34½	23½	Microvitec▲	24	...	...	...	...
514	357	Misys	498	...	6.1	1.5	22.7
227	98	Mitel	202	...	...	...	...
138	108	MMT Compr▲	119 †	...	...	3.7	15.1
28	16	Molynx	24	...	...	6.8	2.3
272	202	MTL Insts▲	218	...	...	2.1	16.4
165	122	Multitone Elect	133	...	3.0	2.8	16.3
155	116	Murray Elect	155	+1	1.8	1.5	72.1
6412½	5325	NYNEX	5600	+100	...	...	...
188	140	Neotronics	158	...	2.6	2.1	20.4
65	42	Newmark (L)	65	...	...	...	...
114	58	Norbain▲	108	-2	...	1.2	16.2
75	20	Northumber	68	-1	0.5	0.9	...
15½	9	Oceonics	11	...	...	...	7.1
253	195	Oxford Inst	246	-1	4.3	2.2	16.6
83	48	P-E Internat	72	-1	1.0	1.7	...
75	29	P & P	69	...	1.4	2.5	36.6
80	55	Peek	65	-2	3.4	6.5	17.0
190	115	Pegasus▲	158 †	...	...	5.0	40.5
9000	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9000	...	...	6.4	...
1050	725	-do- Lnrp nv	987½	...	...	...	...
400	343	Pilco	400	+4	7.7	2.1	39.0
440	303	-do- 'A' Voting	440	+4	7.2	2.2	37.3
96	63	Plasmec▲	72 †	...	...	6.5	6.7
104	76	Pressac	98	...	2.4	3.1	19.8
135	103	Psion▲	120	-5	...	2.6	31.9
224	160	Racal Elect	212	+3	1.5	0.9	25.1
60	45	Radamec	58	...	1.0	3.2	-
70	43	Radius▲	59	...	...	5.7	20.4
92	61	Real Time▲	77	...	...	4.9	7.0
35	18	Riva▲	32	...	...	...	...
629	488	Sage Gp	535	+11	9.0	2.1	17.1
66	49	Scantronic	64	...	2.9	5.8	20.2
145	117	Scholes Grp	140	+5	5.0	4.5	27.5
330	270	Sema Gp	303 †	...	2.8	1.2	24.6
39	26	Silvermines	32	...	...	9.0	...
45	37	Soundtracks▲	43	...	...	6.4	14.5
2450	1737½	TDK	2480	+40½	...	1.2	-
21	4½	TDS Circuits▲	14	-1	...	...	-
155	80	Telemetrix	144	-2	0.8	0.7	-
899	809	THORN EMI	864	-16	...	4.8	17.5
111	96	Thorpe FW	104	...	2.5	3.0	10.7
103	70	Total Systems▲	70	...	2.2	4.0	12.5
445	372	Tunstall	432	...	6.0	1.7	17.2
256	164	Unitech	238	-2	5.8	3.1	41.6
11½	6	Verity▲	8½	...	...	...	...
34	24	Vistec▲	33	-¼	...	1.1	28.1
457½	387	Vodafone	456½	-1½	...	1.6	22.3
441	368	Volex	380	-1	...	5.5	19.6
22	11	Western Selectn	22	...	...	...	...
255	223	Wholesale Ftgs	254	...	11.7	5.8	24.2

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
487	389	East Midlands	447	-9	17.1	4.8	8.6
496	399	Eastern Elect	461	-6	16.7	4.5	11.4
356	304	Hydro-Elect	331	-4	10.1	3.8	11.7
500½	404	London Elect	454	-6	16.8	4.6	8.7
549	458	Manweb	512	-8	18.2	4.5	7.4
514	434½	Midlands Elec	461½	-5½	17.2	4.7	9.7
549	440	Northern Elec	503	-7	18.5	4.6	7.5
544	439	Norweb	497	-5	17.7	4.5	9.4
337	285	Scottish Power	312	-5	...	4.6	11.3
529	436	Seeboard	503	-3	17.2	4.3	9.1
571	469	Sth Wales	542	-3	19.4	4.5	8.6
532	426	Sth Western	471	-13	17.4	4.6	8.5
496	406	Southern Elec	465	-5	16.6	4.5	9.2
552	455	Yorkshire Elec	506	-10	17.7	4.4	9.4
355	273	National Powr	344	-4	...	3.9	10.4
368	273	PowerGen	385½	-4½	...	3.7	11.1

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	51	Aitken Hume	51	...	0.5	...	32.6
85	47	BWD▲	84	...	...	4.8	13.1
90	26	Baltic Plc	85	...	...	1.5	...
453	418	Caledonia	418	...	14.4	4.3	16.0
1500	1075	Camellia	1375	...	27.0	2.5	11.6
265	243	Candover	264	...	10.2	4.9	18.7
100	71	Fleetech▲	93	...	...	0.7	-
308	155	Govett	281	...	...	5.4	8.8
150	125	Ivory Sime	150	...	...	5.3	15.7
6½	3	LIT	3½	...	...	...	...
12	11	Lightship	12 #	...	...	...	0.6
203	154	Lon Forfaiting▲	200	...	8.4	5.4	14.1
60	47	Manakin	57	...	...	...	...
12½	3½	Nat Home Loan	10	...	...	...	...
49	40	Newmarket	49	...	...	...	...
275	246	Rathbone Brs	275	...	6.0	2.7	16.7
23½	17	Rutland Tst	23	-½	...	4.3	13.7
330	254	S & U	254 †	...	10.0	4.9	-
69	48	Singer & Fried	64	...	2.6	5.1	-
975	738	Sotheby's	963	-12	...	3.9	...
113	83	SIP Capital	173	+8	3.0	3.4	-

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1950	1487½	Amer Express	1862½†	+18½	...	...	...
234	183	Electra	230	+2	6.7	3.6	31.4
978	835	Henderson Ad	910	...	41.0	5.6	20.0
121	92	Invesco MIM	118	+6	3.0	3.2	-
223	164	Jardine Strat	216	-4	...	3.3	10.6
194	154	MAI	186	+3	6.0	4.0	13.5
523	389	MAM	523	...	15.0	3.7	12.8
799	633	M & G	772 †	...	...	3.5	20.5
225	115	Smith New Ct	224	-1	4.5	2.5	8.9
80	55	Tcb Hldgs	78	...	...	4.8	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	461	AB Food	468	-2	14.0	3.8	10.5
77½	53	ASDA Group	69½	-2	...	2.9	22.1
255	170	Acatos & Hutch	213	-3	6.5	3.9	12.1
76	55	Albert Fisher	60	-1	3.7	7.8	10.0
407	297	Argyll	341	-4	...	4.1	12.4
25	12	Ashley Group	15	...	...	4.7	...
152	127	Assoc Fisheries	132	...	8.0	7.6	-
230	160	Banks (S C)	208	...	8.2	5.0	10.4
402	310	Barr (AG)	370	...	6.5	2.2	18.7
82	57	Bensons Crsp▲	62	...	...	5.7	13.9
141	112½	Berisford Intl	135	...	...	...	...
455	357	Booker	372	-1	...	7.3	38.3
51	24	Borthwick	50	-¼	1.2	3.0	-
455	430	Brake Bros	494	+1	6.2	1.6	20.6
51	38	Budgen	41	...	...	...	13.9
511	413	Cadbury-Schw	445	-1	...	3.7	16.5
104	78	Carrs Milling	104	+3	3.9	4.7	20.6
201	178	Cranswick▲	191	...	...	4.9	14.1
25	8½	Cullens	15	-½	0.5	4.2	8.0
304	168	Dalepak	207	...	6.0	3.6	9.3
491	424	Dalgety	424	-2	19.5	5.7	12.3
54	27	Daniels S	54	...	...	0.6	...
134	122	Everest	129	...	...	3.4	17.8
295	269	Farepak▲	290	...	...	2.2	20.5
10	3	Farringford	7½	...	...	...	...
94	76	Finlay (James)	76	-2	4.1	7.0	-
125	78	Fyffes	100	-3	...	1.6	16.6
483	328	Geest	363	-1	8.1	2.8	16.3
12	7	Global▲	10½	...	...	6.0	16.3
45	43	Grand Central	43	...	1.1	3.3	...
203	147	Hazlewood Fds	182	+1	6.1	4.2	11.0
171	131	Hillsdown	148	-2	...	7.4	11.6
750	616	Iceland Frozen	719	+2	10.0	1.7	21.4
131	111	JLI Group	120	...	4.5	4.7	17.3
853	731	Kwik Save	761	-4	16.0	2.6	14.6
202	193	Low (Wm)	195	...	8.4	5.4	9.4
58	41	Matthews (B)	58	...	2.2	4.8	38.0
19½	12½	Merchant Retail	17	...	1.1	8.5	-
174	149	Morrison (W)	156	-1	...	0.6	20.2
538	443	Nichols (JN)	533	...	13.6	3.2	15.4
290	242	Nthn Foods	245	-7	...	4.0	13.5
22	13	Nrthmbrn Fn▲	17	...	...	...	7.1
229	172	Nurdin Peack	207 †	...	6.1	3.7	-
241	205	Park Foods	239	...	3.2	1.7	28.6
115	83	Perkins Food	109	-1	4.4	5.0	-
96½	47	PizzaExpress	84	...	...	0.7	48.3
6	1½	Regina Hldh▲	5½	...	...	...	...
584	446	Sainsbury J	485 †	-4	10.0	2.6	-
68	33	Senzy Farm▲	61	...	...	3.1	10.9
225	170	Sims Food	179	+4	11.2	7.9	9.7
439	357	Tate & Lyle	362	-5	12.0	4.1	11.4
273	208	Tesco	217	-6	...	4.1	10.1
211	123	Thorntons	138	-1	3.6	3.3	12.8
183	101	Treats▲	171	-4	...	2.6	19.5
375	300	Unigate	331	...	15.3	5.8	11.8
437	340½	Utd Biscuits	383	-2	...	5.0	19.8
25	21	Usborne	22	...	0.4	2.3	13.5
357	248	Watson & Phil	309	...	13.3	5.4	16.1

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
16	16	Abrdn Stk Hse	16	...	...	2.3	20.5
89	77	City Centre Rest	88	...	1.5	...	...
209	170	Forte	207	+7	...	4.5	16.2
199	155	Friendly Hotels	177 †	+3	5.7	4.0	-
8	5	Harmony Leis▲	7½	...	...	...	...
110	87	Jarvis Hotel	106	-1	...	5.8	12.5
215	154	Ladbroke	186	+3	11.1	7.5	19.9
73	59	Mandarin Orntl	67	...	...	4.7	18.0
59	44	Queens Moat	47½	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
99	83	-do- 7¾% cvpf	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½	¾	Regal Hotels▲	1½	...	...	...	...
58	28	Resort Hotels	47	...	3.4	9.2	9.2
24	11½	Ryan Hotels E	17½	...	...	6.3	-
795	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	785	...	7.0	1.1	...
57	34½	Stakis	51	-3	...	1.1	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	178	AAF Inds	199	...	...	5.5	12.2
616	478	AAH	497	+2	16.3	4.1	15.8
172	140	AEM	142	...	6.5	5.7	8.8
132	88	APV	100	+1	...	6.8	...
238	181	ASW	219	-1	...	3.4	...
166	136	Adwest	166	...	7.0	5.3	23.6
28	10	Aerospace Eng	22	...	1.0	...	18.4
508	434	Airsprung	507	+8	7.5	1.8	14.1
146	113	Alenco W	146	...	3.8	3.3	40.3
13½	7	Allied Radio	7½	...	...	...	...
540	415	Alumasc	540	...	11.0	2.5	16.5
35	17	Alvis	34	...	1.8	3.7	7.0
420	345	Amber Ind	385	...	17.0	5.5	10.3
38	18	Amberley Gp▲	33	...	3.8	...	...
145	120	Andrews Sykes	120	...	4.4	4.6	68.5
883	703	Antofagasta	748	-15	...	2.7	13.8
50½	37	Armour	42	...	1.4	4.4	12.3
170	143	Ash & Lacy	156	...	6.4	5.1	16.0
4	2½	Ass Br Eng	3½	...	0.0	1.9	...
341½	424	Avon Rubber	487 †	...	...	4.2	19.4
235	168	Assoc Nursg▲	230	...	...	...	8.0
685½	544½	Atlas Equip	657	...	...	4.2	16.5
48	35	Ayrshire Metal	45	...	...	...	...
172	147	BBA	155	...	...	6.0	13.2
36	28	BLP Group▲	35	...	...	...	...
19	13	BM Gp	19	-2	5.0	...	...
770	650	BOC	662 †	-4	23.2	4.4	14.5
79½	62	BSG	66½	...	...	6.0	23.1
487	353	BSS Group	486	...	...	4.4	19.4
621	530	BTR	601	-3½	...	3.7	20.6
221	180	BWI	189	-1	6.7	4.4	18.2
41½	31	Babcock	34½	...	2.1	7.9	-
7½	4½	Bailey (CH)	6½	...	...	...	...
289	241	Baird (Wm)	260	-2	8.9	4.3	18.0
1063½	556½	Barlow Rand	680	+16½	...	5.4	3.6
63	48	Baynes (Charles)	59	...	...	3.0	24.2
15	5	Beaufort	6½	-3	...	...	...
8½	6½	Beckerbaum▲	8	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)▲	30	...	...	...	...
27½	15½	Benson Group	17½	...	...	...	...
707	513	Bespak	530	+11	9.0	2.1	16.5
133	83	Bibby (J)	88 †	-4	9.7	...	5.2
300	129	Billam (J)	241	...	5.0	2.6	12.3
41	21½	Bilston Bates▲	36	...	...	...	...
11½	6½	Bimec Ind	6½	...	0.6	...	...
158	126	Birkby	154	...	...	0.8	...
45	32	Black Arrow	44	...	2.1	6.0	10.5
1½	¼	Black & Edgtn▲	1½	...	...	...	...
183	136	Black (Peter)	175	...	2.9	2.1	18.0
274	129	Bluebird Toys▲	265	-3	...	2.1	16.7
587	494	Bodycote	579 †	...	10.0	2.2	18.5
563	425	Boots	435	-9	...	3.9	16.1
61	45	Booth Inds	58	...	3.2	6.9	6.0
517	435½	Bowater	483	-4	11.5	3.0	19.1
1682	1335	Bowater Inc	1499 †	-30	...	...	...
248	199	Braemore Intl▲	244	...	...	1.9	18.3
19	12½	Brasway	17	...	0.5	4.3	22.0
268	204	Brammer	250	+1	13.0	6.5	22.6
18	12	Bridgend Gp	16½	...	1.2	...	7.4
109	64	Bridon	108 †	-1	4.0	4.6	-
70	53	Bridport-Gndry	70	...	4.1	7.3	13.1
40	31	Brierley Inv	40	+1	...	7.9	9.5
308	200	Br Bldg & Eng	260	...	...	1.2	...
59	42	Br Bloodstock▲	49	...	...	...	...
517	417	Br Polythene	516	...	...	2.4	18.5
102½	54	Br Steel	102	-½	...	...	...
130	100	Br Syphon	128	...	3.0	2.9	35.9
15	11½	Br Thornton	14	...	...	1.2	...
268	216	Br Vita	236	...	7.1	3.8	14.5
13	6½	Britton Grp	12	-½	0.0	0.3	...
730	555	Broken Hill	621	-7	...	2.9	39.4
109	78	Bromsgrove Ind	106	...	4.0	4.7	14.6
10½	6½	Brooke Tool	9½	...	...	...	...
70	51	Brown & Tawse	67	...	4.7	...	...
118	91	Bullough	110	...	6.0	6.9	18.8
26	13	Business Tech▲	14	...	...	...	16.9
28	17	CI Group	24 †	-1	1.0	5.2	-
25	15	Campbell & Arm	21	...	2.0	...	...
34	6½	Cannon St	28½	-1½	...	...	...
240	205	Cape	230	...	10.5	5.7	14.7
228	178	Carclo Eng	207	+1	...	5.2	17.4
2888	2138	Carnaud Mtl	2388	+25	...	2.8	-
78	68	Cassidy Bros▲	72	...	...	4.2	8.0
187	158	Castings	187	+2	4.3	3.0	-
145	113	Chamberlin Hill	135 †	...	6.2	5.8	-
707	609	Charter Cons	613	-8	21.5	4.4	14.7
285	220	Chemring	285	+3	...	3.6	17.2
92	52	Chieftain Gp▲	52	...	5.1	13.3	11.1
30	17	Chillington	30	...	0.5	2.1	...
204	144	Christies Int	201	...	1.5	0.9	-
61	34	Claybithe	58	...	2.5	5.4	...
90	70	Clayton Son	80	...	...	...	...
7	7	Co Designers▲	7 #	...	0.2	...	...
400	350	Cohen (A)	350	...	10.0	...	...
223	179	Community H	187	...	6.5	4.3	11.6
246	186½	Concentric	205 †	...	...	3.4	17.3
209	120	Cook (Wm)	194	-3	5.0	3.3	-
215	182	Cookson	201	-1	...	3.7	26.6
46	38	Coppymore▲	46	...	...	2.7	-
238	173	Crowell Pkr 'A'	188½	...	5.7	3.8	16.1
178	124	Cosalt	130	...	10.7	...	19.5
224	160	Creighton Nt▲	177	...	...	4.9	12.8
48	27	CrestaCare	47	-1	0.5	1.3	40.7
3456½	2993½	Dana	3425 †	-21½	...	...	...
828	314	Danka Bs Sys	773 †	-10	4.5	0.7	-
16	5	Davies (DY)▲	16	...	...	...	...
711	642	De La Rue	680	+7	...	3.2	17.6
25	16	Dinkie Heel	22	...	0.9	5.4	17.5
494	391	Diploma	486 †	...	9.7	2.5	25.3
74	53	Dobson Park	74	+1	5.7	...	13.1
99	92	Dyson (J&J)	99	...	5.0	6.3	14.2
66	57	-do- 'A'	66	...	5.0	9.5	9.5
16½	8	EFG▲	12½†	...	...	...	...
421	367	EIS	387 †	+1	...	3.9	-
15½	9½	EIT Gp▲	9½a	...	...	...	...
28	19	Elbief	26	...	...	...	...
43	19	Eleco	20	...	3.3	...	11.8
2350	1887½	Electrolux 'B'	1887½	-62½	...	3.0	...
66	45	Elliott (B)	59	...	...	...	...
484	403	Eng China Cl	415	...	...	6.0	22.3
2950	1550	Ericsson 'B'	2950	+12½	...	1.0	...
90	27	Erskine Hse	90	...	...	3.2	9.4
53	32	Eurocopy	46	...	1.6	4.3	17.9
86	47	Expamet	86	+3	3.2	4.7	-
636	499	Fairey Group	636	...	10.2	2.0	19.6
95	53	Fenner	78	...	4.2	...	14.7
68	33	Ferraris Group▲	59 †	...	...	2.2	13.5
1½	¼	Ferrometal▲	1	...	...	...	...
29	23	Ferrum	26 †	-1	2.5	12.0	18.2
51	28	Fife Indmar	51	...	0.5	1.2	...
251	156	Fisons	159	...	...	8.8	18.4
53	29	Fitzwilton	38	...	...	14.1	...
252	215	Flogas	240	...	...	4.2	9.9
43	39	Folkes Group nv	39	...	1.5	4.8	-
75	56	French (Thmas)	75	+1	3.6	6.0	37.6
218	166½	Frost Group	214	...	4.0	2.4	-
85	71	GEI Int	82	...	7.3	11.2	16.9
489	434	GKN	468	-6	...	5.5	31.1
51	42	GR Hldgs	46	...	...	5.4	...
98	79	Garton Eng	94 †	...	4.0	5.3	...
160	107	Gestetner	108	...	8.2	9.5	4.7
36	23	Gieves	23	...	...	...	...
801	545	Glaxo	589	-8	17.0	3.6	16.2
26	16	Glenchewton	24	...	...	...	...
311	245	Glynwed	294 †	-5	11.6	5.0	27.7
103	66	Goode Durrant	96	-1	5.4	7.0	20.3
134	102	Grampian Hd	132	+5	5.5	5.2	22.9
411	341	Granada	399	-1	7.7	2.4	21.2
407	301	Great Ufrns▲	406	...	...	3.4	16.7
96	78	Green (Ernst)▲	96	...	...	9.1	13.3
14	8½	Greencare	11½	-½	...	3.0	-
17	8	Guardian Grp▲	10	...	...	...	...
54	30½	Haden MacLn	49½	...	...	5.2	17.5
80	44	Hadleigh Inds▲	75	...	...	...	...
235	115	Hall Eng	223	...	8.6	4.8	18.6
258	215	Halma	230	...	2.2	1.2	38.5
49	30	Hampson Ind	37	...	2.3	...	10.0
265½	228	Hanson	229½†	-1½	...	6.2	11.7
221	187	Harris (Philip)	220	...	...	3.9	15.6
187	147	Harrisn Cnsfld	172	-2	9.0	6.5	24.8
68	38	Havelock Euro	68	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	38	...	...	...	...
25	17	Headway	22	...	0.7	4.0	11.6
394	301	Hepworth	383	-2	14.8	4.8	16.5
225	160	Hewitt (J)	220	+2	3.0	1.7	17.2
38	15	High-Point	33	...	1.3	...	...
144	112½	Hill & Smith	144	+3	...	4.9	20.0
10	6½	Hobson▲	8	...	...	...	...
119	87	Holders Tech▲	119	+2	...	6.3	15.5
49	30	Hopkinsons	48	...	1.3	3.4	19.7
167	136	Hornby▲	136	-1	...	8.3	12.8
15½	6	Hospital Crp	8½	-½	...	11.8	2.3
73	54½	Howden	70	...	...	3.8	10.8
231½	173	Hunting	219	...	...	5.7	18.0
415	269½	Huntleigh Tech	408	...	...	1.8	-
295	247	IMI	270	-4	...	4.6	23.1
108	90	ISA Ind	104	...	1.5	1.8	16.2
205	179	Intercare Gp▲	188	...	...	1.7	19.9
255	235	Isotron	249	...	3.9	2.0	16.0
517	360	Jardine Math	495	+5	...	2.4	19.1
537	438	Johnson Math	448	-3	9.6	2.7	18.6
64	51	Johnson & FB	51½	...	3.0	7.3	15.9
174	104	Johnston	174 †	+1	3.2	2.3	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	30	...	...	...	...
32	18	Jourdan (T)	31 †	...	0.7	3.0	...
54	26	Kalamazoo	51	...	...	...	42.0
178	77	Kalon	165	...	...	2.4	22.9
297	253	Kelsey Ind	278	...	13.0	...	...
545	465	Kenstore (A)	500	...	27.0	6.8	25.9
168	75	Kleeneze	143	-4	...	...	...
132	61	LGW▲	132	+3	3.0	2.8	10.9
300	206	Laird	283	...	...	4.6	13.9
166	108	Lee (Arthur)	160	+1	...	4.7	66.3
149	110	Lilleshall	149	...	4.2	3.6	18.4
153	97	Lincat▲	147	-1	...	4.3	12.7
18½	4½	Lincoln Hse▲	17	...	...	...	14.0
128	76	Linread	109	...	3.7	4.3	16.8
208	170	Linton Park	190 †	...	14.0	9.2	-
15½	10½	Lionheart	14	...	0.2	1.8	...
19½	15	Locker (T) A	16	...	1.0	7.8	50.4
274	176	Lon Intl	188	-3	9.4	6.3	12.8
122	70	Lonrho	116½	...	...	4.3	...
373	269	Low & Bonar	321	-1	...	3.5	45.0
343	283	MB-Caradon	298	-3	...	3.6	23.1
169½	140½	-do- pf	149	-½	7.2	6.1	...
27	14½	ML Hldgs	24	-1	1.8	...	23.2
43	27	MS Intl	36	...	2.5	8.7	50.3
50	39	MY Holdings	45	...	...	3.8	13.7
190	114	Macfarlane	190 †	+2	...	2.1	21.5
430	379	McKechnie	422	...	14.7	4.4	20.9
106	88	McLeod Russel	94	-3	6.0	8.0	11.5
10½	5½	Maddox	6	...	...	...	...
76	63	Magnolia	76	...	0.1	0.2	12.2
106	71	Mang Bronze	95	...	1.0	1.3	...
27	21½	Marling	21½	...	0.2	...	...
179	125	Mayborn▲	163	-7	...	3.8	13.5
54	29	Mayflower	51	-1	...	3.1	-
236	191½	Meden	225	-1	...	1.3	18.3
105	88	Meggitt	103	+1	...	4.6	17.5
130	111	Metair	117	...	4.0	4.3	17.2
76	70	Metsec▲	75	+2	...	...	...
81	29	Midsales	80	+2	...	1.2	-
25	14	Mining & Ald	24	...	0.5	2.6	...
488	368	Molins	470	...	...	3.7	13.2
345	262	Morgan Cble	272½	+½	...	5.8	14.5
145	134	Morris Ashby▲	138	+1	...	4.3	11.8
31	18	Neepsend	25	-1	1.5	...	...
60	34	Nestor-BNA	53	...	3.1	7.4	12.7
189	122	Nobo Gp	169	...	3.5	2.6	20.7
174	127½	Norcros	159	-6	...	5.7	-
43	35	Novo Group	39	...	...	1.0	...
365	310	Nu-Swift	365	+17	...	6.8	10.1
53	36	Office Elec Mac	48	...	0.1	0.3	...
39½	21	OMI Intl	27½	...	1.3	9.7	...
140	128	PCT▲	128 †	...	...	7.1	-
55	43	Pacer Systems▲	43	-1	...	8.5	...
138	107	Pentland	107 †	-1	...	2.9	14.5
382	310	Photo-Me	380	-2	4.4	1.5	19.4
157	97½	Pilkington	134	...	6.0	5.6	48.8
32	19	Platon▲	27	...	...	...	...
79	68	Plannbrook	70 †	...	3.8	5.4	11.0
194	126	Polypipe	145	-1	1.9	1.7	20.9
517	455	Portals	465	...	...	3.9	13.8
37	19	Porter Chadburn	23	-1	2.5	13.6	5.7
7½	5½	Porth Gp▲	6½	...	...	...	...
376	30½	Powerscreen	319	-1	6.0	2.4	18.0
22	16½	Prospect Inds	18½	-½	0.7	5.1	9.3
54	23½	RPS Group▲	53	...	...	5.2	11.7
95	73	Radiant Metal	85	...	...	...	...
148	77	Ramco Oil▲	136	+6	...	1.8	...
744	636	Rank Org	715	+7	31.0	5.4	19.6
33	23	Ransomes	27	...	...	...	...
687	532	Reckitt Colm	573	-8	...	3.5	20.8
77	50	Record	73 †	...	3.6	6.7	33.0
7½	2½	Reece	5½	...	...	...	...
189	131	Relyon	187	...	4.9	3.3	22.4
303	235	Renishaw	286	...	6.5	2.8	23.1
62	55	Renold	62	...	1.0	2.0	...
1438	1240	Reuters	1369	-15	21.2	1.9	22.6
37	24½	Rexmore	37	...	1.7	5.4	9.1
120	91	Ricardo Group	115	...	5.7	6.2	32.3
68	59	Richard (Leics)	66	...	4.4	8.3	...
81	63	Richardson West	81	-1	3.0	4.6	30.8
128	109	Ropner	122	...	8.3	8.5	17.3
122	97	-do- 'A'	115	...	8.2	9.0	16.3
38	29	Ross Gp	33	-1	0.6	2.5	13.5
160	131½	Rotork	160 †	-1	...	2.9	21.2
135	100	Rubicon	125	...	...	1.5	...
65	43	Russell (A)	62	...	1.0	2.0	...
29	15	SEP Indl	27	...	...	3.5	24.4
800	625	SKF 'B'	750	-12½	...	...	...
342	322	Sanderson Elec	319	...	9.0	3.5	13.6
80	39	Savage▲	80	...	...	...	...
45	39	Saville Grdn (J)	41	...	2.2	6.7	16.2
248	208	Scapa	221½	-1½	5.3	3.0	18.0
238	192	Schol	222	...	...	3.5	16.2
9½	4	Scot Heritable	6	...	...	...	...
990	917	Securicor	935	...	2.6	0.4	35.6
608	562	-do- 'A'	601	-3	2.6	0.5	32.0
505	465	Security Serv	502	...	5.0	1.3	34.8
107½	77	Senior Eng	103½	...	...	3.8	17.3
361	306	Senn Health	348	...	...	1.8	22.3
68	42	Sheldon Jones▲	63	...	...	...	...
128	88	Shiloh	128	...	2.9	2.8	13.8
361	295	Skipton	361 †	+1	10.0	3.6	16.3
501	427	Siebe	466	-4	...	2.7	16.8
308	239	Silentnight	299 †	...	8.0	3.3	-
124	102	Sime Darby	111	...	...	3.4	13.6
142	45	Simon Eng	46	-4	5.0	13.6	10.5
259	235	Sinclair (Wm)	239	...	7.0	3.7	15.4
47	42	Six Hundred	45	...	2.5	6.9	...
164	140½	Smith & Neph	145	+1½	...	4.0	19.4
513	389	SmithKline	453½	-7½	8.6	2.4	16.4
450	340	SmithKline Uts	399	-7	...	3.3	14.4
394	320	Smiths Ind	341	...	11.2	4.1	17.8
140	86	Sthn Bus	77	+7	3.3	5.6	7.2
410	265	Spandex▲	410	+2	...	2.0	18.0
650	300	Spear (JW)	650	+140	4.0	2.7	12.0
362	314	Spirax-Sarco	340	...	...	3.4	21.6
145	55	Spring Ram	74	...	0.3	0.6	-
270	222	Staveley	233	-1	8.2	4.4	13.6
147	126	Sterling Ind	132	...	5.6	5.3	16.5
20	11	Stonehill	17	-1	...	...	...
154	97	Suter	151	-1	8.8	7.3	13.8
350	344	Swire Pacific 'A'	303	...	...	2.7	-
7	5	Sycamore	5½	...	...	...	...
78	53	Sykes-Pick	62	...	...	8.1	11.9
275	240	Sylone	275	+3	9.4	4.3	12.7
198	164	T & N	181	-3	...	7.5	29.0
339	279	TI	325	-5	...	4.1	18.0
23	12	TLS Range▲	21 †	-2	...	1.5	...
283	218	TT Group	281	...	6.0	2.7	16.2
249	220	Talare	234	...	1.8	1.0	19.4
821	618	Takeda Chem	817	+3	...	0.5	21.7
33	24	Tex Hldgs	32	...	...	...	...
94	70	Tinsley (E)▲	92	+1	...	7.1	10.7
225	190	Tiono	194 †	-1	...	2.3	16.9
271	221	Tomkins	226	-3	...	3.5	15.9
110½	67	Trafalgar H	110	+1½	...	3.7	8.1
110	65½	-do- 'A'	110	+1½	...	...	...
579	346	Transfer Tech	530 †	+2	16.0	3.8	13.4
193	159½	Triplex Lloyd	175	...	7.0	5.0	16.0
253	221	UniChem	223	...	5.6	3.2	-
308	279½	Unidare	308	...	...	7.0	9.2
44	11½	Unigroup	43½	...	...	...	...
1249	989	Unilever	1016	-5	21.7	2.6	13.8
8112½	6625	Unilever (NV)	6950	-37½	...	3.1	10.1
810	513	VSEL	803	+8	...	4.6	8.4
9½	6½	Verson	9½	+¼	...	...	...
145	95½	Vickers	135	-3	...	1.4	...
367	303	Victaulic	326	+1	...	3.0	16.1
394	283	Vinten	345	...	...	2.5	16.1
604	427	Vosper Thorny	579	-10	15.8	3.5	-
45	41	WSP Hldgs	45	...	...	8.4	11.2
468	410	Wagon Ind	422	...	...	5.0	16.3
86	71	Walker Greenbk	82 †	-1	3.1	4.7	20.9
258	201	Wassall	242	-1	2.5	1.3	24.4
35	22	Winford Wdgwd	34½	+2½	...	...	...
675	582	Weir	598	-4	11.8	2.5	-
993	658	Wellcome	760	+8	13.0	2.1	21.0
23½	22½	Wellman	23	...	2.2	...	8.6
300	260	West Hltrcare	297	-1	...	1.6	19.1
495	380	Whatman	495	...	9.5	2.4	16.8
353	267	Whessoe	335	...	...	3.0	12.9
10½	4	Whewsy	9½	...	1.0	13.2	...
50	27	Whitecroft	48	...	4.0	...	4.1
8½	4½	Widney	7½	...	...	...	...
85	44	Wilkes (James)	80 †	-1	3.5	5.5	23.6
365	306	Williams Hldg	306	-4	12.5	5.1	16.0
31½	17	Wilshaw	29½	-½	0.4	1.7	24.2
661	533	Wolseley	632	+1	12.5	2.5	21.9
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
45	35	Wyko	45	...	2.8	...	25.7
59	38	Young (H)	56 †	...	3.0	6.7	21.5

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1543½	Alex & Alex	1673 †	-25	...	3.8	...
2275	1787½	Am Gen	2025	-12½	...	3.4	...
47	30	Archer (AJ)	46	...	4.4	12.0	22.4
148	118	Bradstock	120	...	5.1	5.3	14.8
1478	1078	Britannic	1478	+3	33.5	2.8	...
641	556	Com Union	588	+12	...	3.2	...
1570	1225	Dom & Gen	1570	...	...	1.4	25.9
27	18	EAI	27	+1	...	...	...
615½	546	Gen Accident	582	+11	26.7	3.7	...
195	160	GRE	178	-3	7.0	4.9	14.8
370	293	Heath C E	324	-1	16.0	6.2	10.0
195	166	Hogg Gp	180 †	...	8.1	5.7	16.3
198	164	HB Group	189	...	7.5	5.0	19.1
493	408½	Legal & Gen	455	-6	...	5.2	27.6
1026	768	Liberty Life	882	+17	...	3.3	15.3
465	403	Lloyds Abbey	416	+1	17.3	5.2	15.0
295	253	Lloyd Thomp	293	+15	3.6	2.4	21.6
388	274	London & Man	335	...	14.2	5.3	24.7
382	321	Lowndes Lmb	343	...	12.6	4.6	13.6
6743½	5612½	Marsh McLn	5825	-43½	...	2.9	...
97	76	Oriel	89 †	...	...	7.0	-
68	50	PWS	59 †	...	4.0	8.5	8.6
342	282½	Prudential	315	-6	...	4.7	20.9
1138	800	Refuge	1048	+3	31.5	3.8	29.0
319	249	Royal	289 †	+4	...	2.8	...
183	153	Sedgwick	175	+1	6.0	4.3	21.1
281	205	Steel Burrill	216	+3	...	7.7	12.8
87	48	Sturge Hldgs	65	+2	8.2	...	6.5
382	307	Sun Alliance	350	+15	14.2	5.1	...
61	50	Trade Indemnty	57	...	...	...	...
288	239	Transatlantic	274	...	12.0	5.5	25.4
773	499	Utd Friendly	720	...	14.5	2.5	31.4
208	171	Willis Corroon	199 †	...	...	4.1	42.8
20	13½	Windsor	19	...	...	...	14.9

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1708	1548	Alliance	1637	-7	45.0	3.4	-
260	226½	Amer Trust	256	...	4.9	2.6	49.0
349	304	Ang & O'seas	349	+5	6.8	2.5	44.3
136½	124	BZW Conv	130	...	7.8	7.5	15.2
158	133½	Bankers	157	-1	3.4	2.7	43.2
298	264	Baring Tribne	276	...	6.4	2.9	43.6
159	131	Berry Starq	159	+1	2.2	1.7	51.7
105½	96½	Br Assets	99½†	-½	...	5.4	24.4
68½	57½	Br Empire Sec	68½	+½	0.8	1.6	69.5
18	14	-do- Wrts	18	...	...	...	...
173	156	Br Inv	168	...	...	4.5	3.4
164	130	Cont Assets	152	...	2.4	2.0	50.6
195	144	Derby Inc	148	...	16.6	14.0	8.9
255	195	-do- Cap	248	-5	...	...	...
123	90	Drayton Asia	121	...	0.7	0.7	...
73	62	-do- Blue Chip	66 †	...	8.4	15.9	-
69	55	-do- Eng Intl	68 †	...	1.2	2.2	-
118	84	-do- Far East	117	-1	0.6	0.7	...
116	95	-do- Korea	112	+1	0.5	0.6	...
631	577	Dunedin Inc G	579	...	25.4	5.5	26.6
591	513	-do- Wwide	591 †	+5	9.5	2.0	60.9
270	222	Dundee & Lon	257	+4	12.0	5.8	23.7
51	40	EFM Inc Tst	50	...	4.8	12.2	3.0
54	51½	-do- Div PT	52½	+½	...	...	...
224	250½	Edinburgh	283 †	-1	8.4	4.0	...
166	141	Electric Gen	164	...	3.1	2.4	52.2
97	85	English Scot	96	...	...	...	...
353	305	European Assets	343	...	...	3.1	29.6
96	77	Finsbury 'A'	96 †	+1	3.0	3.9	30.9
290	248	Fleming Amer	283	+2	0.7	0.3	...
266	190½	-do- Claver	195	+2	...	3.5	38.2
266	212	-do- Cont	247	+1	2.7	1.4	...
171	142	-do- Emrg	170	+1	4.5	3.3	38.2
281	213	-do- F East	279	-1	1.1	0.5	-
306	246	-do- Fledg	295	...	3.0	1.3	...
117	100½	-do- Hi Inc	116	...	5.8	6.3	-
220	136	-do- Japan	220	...	0.3	0.2	...
271	230	-do- Merc	259	...	6.7	3.2	...
251	212	-do- O'seas	245	+2	4.0	2.0	59.5
220	203	Foreign & Col	227	+1	3.3	1.8	81.8
210	164	-do- Eurotst	186	...	1.2	0.8	...
107	87	-do- German	95 †	+1	0.5	0.7	...
208	191	-do- Pacific	207	+1	1.0	0.9	...
141	116	-do- Smaller	141	...	...	1.6	71.6
225	145	GT Japan	223	-1	...	0.6	...
131	65	Genl Cons Cap	130	-1	...	...	...
123½	98½	-do- Inc	109	...	...	9.7	11.3
145	115	Govett Am Smlr	123	...	...	...	...
278½	184	-do- Oriental	273	-2	0.9	0.4	...
246	207	-do- Strategy	246	+2	...	3.4	34.0
373	340	Greenfriar	389	...	6.3	2.2	55.4
10	5	Gresham House	8	...	...	...	...
50	47	Independent Inv	49	...	0.5	1.3	77.6
134	124	Inv Cap	130	...	2.1	4.9	25.9
98	77	Lxs UK Smlr	88 †	...	2.8	4.0	24.5
183	156½	Kleinwort Chrt	169	...	5.0	3.3	32.8
203	176	-do- O'seas	201	+1	3.3	2.1	57.1
120	108	-do- Smlr	119	...	4.0	4.2	28.8
595	540	Law Debenture	590	-1	18.2	3.9	29.5
174	164	Majedie	173 †	+1	...	3.4	37.5
249	221	Merchants	239	...	10.6	5.5	22.2
5083½	3700	Merrill Lynch	4031¼†	-75	...	...	...
440	383	Monks Inv Tst	425	+1	6.7	2.0	-
126	105	Morg Grn Inc	117 †	...	...	4.0	23.2
37	23	Do Warrants	32	...	...	...	...
47	39	Murray Euro	42	...	0.1	0.3	-
11	4½	Do Wts	8½	...	...	...	...
315	282	Murray Income	309	+2	...	4.4	29.2
319	265	-do- Intl	289	-1	11.4	4.9	26.1
312	263	-do- Small	305	+2	4.0	1.6	65.7
103	96½	-do- S/C Inc	97	...	...	13.7	9.5
93	73	-do- S/C Cap	91	...	...	4.5	...
3050	2750	-do- S/C Uts	2950	...	...	...	...
147½	142½	-do- S/C DF	144	...	...	5.1	10.7
290	230	-do- Vent	280	...	0.2	0.5	...
71	56½	New Frontier	69	...	...	11.0	-
85	68	Nwthrst Inc	79	...	2.8	1.2	...
291	249	O'seas Inv Tst	293 †	+1	1.1	0.4	...
373	285	Pacific Assets	371	...	...	...	...
276	187	Do Warrants	275	...	...	2.5	48.5
8300	7050	Personal Assets	8125	...	1.1	7.0	-
141	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	140	-1	0.3	0.1	11.2
123	108	River & Merc	112 †	...	...	3.4	...
398	350	Robeco	388	...	...	...	...
380	346	Rolinco	380	+7	3.5	3.9	32.1
240	214	St Andrew Inv	240	...	4.1	1.7	29.9
149½	131	Scot American	141½	+1½	...	...	...
204	136	Scot Asian	198	-1	...	...	...
395	225	do Warrants	375	...	1.5	2.7	40.3
77	67½	-do- Eastern	70½	...	...	...	...
207	183	Scottish	197	-1	4.0	3.0	40.5
201	178	-do- Mrge	191 †	...	4.0	2.6	49.6
80½	71	-do- Value	80½†	...	...	2.8	52.3
1503	1300	Second Allnce	1443	+3	30.5	2.6	38.5
84½	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	82½	...	1.5	4.9	27.3
130	109½	Selective Asset	121	...	1.2	1.3	43.5
21½	14	Sphere Inv	21½	...	3.7	18.0	6.9
139	112	TR Far East	135 †	...	4.5	4.2	20.0
140½	126	TR City Of Lon	135½	...	4.7	4.4	28.4
141	110	TR Pacific	139	...	0.1	0.1	...
26½	17	TR Property	26½	-½	0.6	4.4	-
71	67	TR Tech Inv	68	...	1.7	3.6	34.5
173	146	TR Smlr Cos	173	...	3.7	3.7	53.7
315	283	Temple Bar	302	...	13.5	5.5	22.8
90	69	Thrmtn Asian E	88	...	0.5	0.7	...
68½	54	Throgmorton	66	...	2.3	4.4	36.0
423	363	Thrg Dual Cp	430	+3	...	...	...
195	178	USDC Invest	194	+3	4.5	2.9	35.1
102	70½	Value Inc Tst	102 †	...	3.6	4.4	25.7
598	542	Whitbread Inv	563	-2	16.5	3.7	-
195	181	Witan	190	-1	5.6	3.7	33.1

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
345	289	Airtours	306	+5	7.2	3.0	10.8
60	42	Akt Leis	57	...	4.7	...	10.3
303	194	Anglia TV	302	...	...	1.8	14.0
249	192	Barr & W 'A'	212 †	-2	10.0	5.9	13.7
1200	920	Boosey Hwks	1190	...	22.0	2.3	17.8
134	90	Bosser TV▲	118	-6	...	2.9	15.4
16½	4½	Brent Walker	11½	-1½	...	...	...
8	2½	Buckingham Int	5½	-¼	...	...	...
292	120	Campari	135	...	12.0	11.1	-
197	171	Capital Radio	184	...	5.2	3.6	21.3
818	718	Carlton Comm	789	+5	17.0	2.7	23.1
200	158	Castle Comm▲	183	...	...	5.8	16.2
1930	1615	Central TV	1900	+7	38.0	2.5	20.7
83	61	Chrysalis	65	...	...	...	...
580	470	Compass Gp	480	-4	...	3.3	14.6
350	218	Eurocamp	225	...	9.7	5.4	9.3
1180	710	Euro Disney	700	-5	...	1.5	...
8	3½	Euro Leisure	5½	...	...	...	...
31	18	Ex-Lands	31	+3	...	...	...
390	245	Fairline Boats	250	-59	10.5	5.3	...
378	320	First Leisure	339	-2	6.1	2.3	21.5
515	298	GWR Gp▲	510	...	...	1.7	28.2
195	149	Grampian	193	...	6.1	4.0	-
6	5	Greenwich Comm▲	5	...	...	...	...
51	19	HTV Group	49	-1	...	...	21.8
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	49	...	2.0	5.2	-
12½	9½	Kunick	10½	-¼	...	...	...
394	262	LWT CP	373 †	...	...	1.6	17.3
475	327	Man Utd	439	-1	18.0	5.1	15.1
148	90½	Owners Abrd	94	-2	3.5	4.7	7.5
66	33	The Pelican Gp	56	...	...	3.2	10.3
130	55	Prism Leisure▲	110	...	...	3.1	12.5
20	16	Quadrant Grp	19	...	...	...	...
318	286	Radio Clyde▲	291	...	...	3.7	23.5
175	132	Ramsdens (H)	168	...	...	3.3	23.3
502	431	Scot TV	474	-1	9.9	2.6	23.3
60	41	Southern Radio	42	-3	0.7	2.4	17.4
219	168	Stanley Leisure	210	...	...	3.5	17.7
9	5½	Stanleigh▲	8	...	...	...	...
145	135	Sunset & Vine	135	...	3.5	3.2	15.8
420	383	Tanjong	420 #	...	...	0.6	-
221	150	Thames TV	196	...	2.5	1.6	-
2½	1	Ticketing▲	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenham Hot	94	-4	...	...	3.0
78	44	Trans World▲	69	...	...	1.4	25.2
434	274	Ulster TV	434	+6	10.0	2.9	13.3
22	13½	Wembley	17	...	0.2	1.5	...
31	7½	Whitegate	29	+3	...	...	...
187	110	Yorkshire TV	186 †	...	12.0	8.1	5.6
110	83	Zetters Gp	110	+1	8.0	9.1	11.1

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4300	1800	Am Gold	4100	+35	...	5.1	-
1403	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1357½	-37½	...	6.9	-
2050	1125	Ang Am	1950	...	...	3.6	-
18½	8½	Anglo Pac Res▲	17½	...	...	...	...
114	33	Ayrvoots	108	-1	...	5.7	5.9
41	18	Bracken	38	...	...	...	2.2
710	233	Buffels	664	+7	...	5.9	16.4
2½	1	Butte	2½	+¼	...	...	...
684	546	CRA	577	-2	...	3.6	-
47½	11	Cluff Res	34½	-1½	...	...	...
1181½	762½	De Beers	1131½	+18½	...	4.3	15.3
138	37½	Deelkraal	123	+14	...	4.9	6.7
87	7	Doornfontein	69	+1	...	...	...
867	388	Driefontein	811	-4	...	4.1	14.9
618	120	Durban	574	+6	...	...	...
124	47	E Rand Gold	122	-1	...	9.6	-
162	62	E Dagga	138	+5	...	...	11.5
270	54	E Rand Prop	220	+2	...	...	...
470	117	Elandsrand	422	+16	...	2.9	9.9
722	392	FS Cons	663	+7	...	7.8	-
40	8	FS Dev	30	-3	...	...	...
1500	725	GFSA	1463	+19	...	2.8	23.0
168	125	Gencor	168	+3	...	2.5	13.4
60	35½	GM Kalgoorli	54½	...	...	...	...
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	19½	...	...	...	...
145	49	Grootvlei	120	+1	...	8.6	7.1
360	78	Harmony	334	+3	...	...	...
414	87	Hartles	370	+13	...	3.3	-
14	8½	Inco▲	12	-1	...	...	...
1030	491	Impala Plat	1000	+33	...	...	22.6
13½	6	Kenmare Res▲	10½	...	...	...	...
811	332	Kinross	811	+16	...	6.2	8.9
843	319	Kloof	770	-1	...	3.3	12.9
90	25	Leslie	87	+4	...	4.8	8.6
119	13	Loraine	108	+4	...	...	...
116½	87	MIM	91½	+1	...	2.5	41.7
1060	820	Minorco	1051	+19	...	3.6	12.4
124½	91	Nth Brkn Hill	116½	-1½	...	4.3	-
1850	610	Orange Free	1700	+12½	...	7.7	-
709	607	RTZ	653½	-11½	...	4.1	24.1
550	425	Rand Mines	537½	...	...	11.0	2.4
138	85	Rand Mln Prp	138	...	...	12.3	6.6
517	150	Randfontein	500	+13	...	3.4	7.6
192	115	Renison	182	+7	...	2.5	17.7
1200	850	Rustenbrg	1150	...	...	4.0	18.0
585	191	St Helena	524	+5	...	4.6	10.8
1582	475	Southvaal	1565	+15	...	3.7	27.0
88	18	Stilfontein	82	+1	...	7.8	14.3
201	58	Unisel	172	+6	...	1.8	16.7
4775	1800	Vaal Reefs	4400	...	...	5.0	7.5
500	154	Welkom	451	+9	...	7.5	-
205	26	Western Areas	197	+28	...	...	...
1775	587½	Western Deep	1700	+27½	...	3.7	7.8
263	176	Wstrn Mining	242½	...	...	...	...
776	323	Winkels	754	+16	...	1.4	8.1
84	50	Zambia Copper	62	...	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	55	...	...	...	17.5

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
238	233	Abbey Panels	238	...	...	...	...
125	95	Airflow Stream	120	...	3.0	3.2	-
116	82	Appleyard	114	...	5.2	5.7	...
280	203	Bletchley Mtr	220	...	...	4.1	13.8
152	120	Bostrom	151	...	6.0	5.0	26.7
373	165	Br Aerospace	320	...	7.0	2.4	...
328	303	Caffyns	303	...	11.5	4.7	40.4
9½	4½	Caverdale	8½	...	...	...	...
130	98	Central Mtr▲	130	+1	...	3.8	33.1
29	18	Cook (DC)▲	25	...	...	...	...
235	156	Cowie (T)	220	+3	6.2	3.6	16.8
110	86	Dag Motors	105	...	5.7	6.8	19.0
142	102½	Dawnpst Vern	140 †	+2	...	3.6	17.7
264	155	ERF	235	...	4.0	...	...
117	92	European Mtr	102	-2	...	1.3	...
293	208	Evans Halshaw	293	...	11.2	4.8	48.1
290	236	FR Group	273 †	+9	7.2	3.3	-
3631½	2843½	Ford Motor	3575 †	+137½	...	...	...
2875	2143½	General Mtr	2662½	+50	...	1.9	...
58	38	Gowrings	58	...	2.0	4.3	...
151	85	Henlys	146	-1	3.0	2.6	...
875	650	Honda Motor	867	+4	...	0.7	...
26	15	Jacks (Wm)	26	...	...	...	...
106	66	Jessups	88 †	...	4.5	6.4	...
140	97	Kwik-Fit	140	+4	...	3.0	25.0
346	281	Lex Service	345	+2	...	3.8	18.9
120	85	Lookers	120	...	6.2	6.5	...
152	126	Lucas	134	+1	7.0	6.5	...
234½	224½	Pendragon	260	...	...	3.2	21.0
177	106	Perry Gp	175	+2	6.0	4.3	...
156	108	Quicks Group	155	...	4.5	3.6	-
150½	99	Rolls-Royce	140	-1	...	4.5	...
194	163	Trinity Hldgs	184	+1	...	2.8	-
148	125	Vardy (Reg)	148	...	4.0	3.4	22.4
188	121	Westland	181	-6	4.2	3.0	15.9

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	103	Adscene	138	...	4.0	3.7	14.4
330	315	Black (A&C)	315 †	...	13.5	5.4	-
608	473	Blenheim Gp	478	-7	...	2.4	17.8
370	275	Bristol	369	-1	11.7	4.1	-
9200	7775	Daily Mail	9150	...	130	1.8	20.6
9150	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9125	...	130	1.8	20.5
305	251	Dorling Kind	286	+2	...	2.6	27.5
373	328	EMAP	361	+1	...	2.6	23.5
1070	873	Euromoney Pb	1082 †	...	28.5	3.4	24.6
232	170	Harrington K	207	...	4.5	2.8	16.7
358	233	Haynes Pub	338	...	6.0	2.2	14.5
405	326	Headline	405	...	5.0	1.6	-
140	105	Home Counts	125	...	6.0	6.0	-
9½	3	Intl Bus Comm	8½	-½	...	...	12.7
11	6½	Intl Cm & Data▲	9	+½	...	...	...
312	240	Independent	310 ‡	...	...	4.1	13.9
540	395	Johnstne Press	539	...	6.2	1.4	23.3
288	243	Metal Bulletin	281	...	8.0	3.6	19.8
158	88	Mirror Gp	154	...	...	...	...
373	297	News Corp	330	-3	...	0.3	22.2
240	169	News Intl	224	...	...	0.5	15.5
461	354	Pearson	459	+1	...	3.3	28.0
668	510	Portsmth Sund	668	...	8.6	1.6	17.2
686	618	Reed Int	648	-4	...	3.3	28.2
148	98	Southnews	146	-2	...	1.8	-
137	90	Sterling Pub▲	137	...	...	2.3	45.2
389	328	Telegraph	389	+4	...	3.5	16.3
785	715	Thomson Corp	765	...	25.4	4.2	-
375	313	Trinity Intl	373	...	8.7	2.9	22.5
39	34	Unit Group▲	36	...	...	...	...
610	494	Utd Nwspaps	586	-4	...	4.6	16.8

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18½	6½	Aberdeen Pet▲	17½	...	...	...	...
34½	17	Aran Energy	34½	...	...	...	33.6
61	40	Arcon Intl▲	51	...	...	...	...
46	41½	Ass Oil & Gas	42	...	...	...	...
66	28	Aviva Pet	65	+1	...	...	...
14	9	Beverley	9½	...	...	0.6	...
183	145	Br Borneo	150	...	7.1	5.9	4.5
333	276	British Gas	288½	-½	14.2	6.2	13.9
326	225	Br Petroleum	307½	-½	10.5	4.3	48.5
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
757	675	Burmah Castrl	700	-4	...	4.5	17.1
65	32	Cairn Energy	60	-1	...	...	8.6
268	223	Calor Gp	236 †	-1	...	6.4	19.6
60½	33½	Clyde Pet	52	...	...	...	...
35	27	Copley Res	28	-½	...	...	...
27	10½	Enln Oil & G▲	21½	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	483	...	16.0	4.3	57.6
68	55	Exp Co Louis	60	...	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	29½	-1	...	2.2	9.6
67	45	Gold Pet	60½	+2½	1.4	2.9	11.6
37	18	Gt Western Res	37	...	...	...	...
166	108	Hardy O & G	156	...	1.0	0.8	49.0
41	19½	Kelt Energy	41	...	...	...	...
195	141	LASMO	157	-3	3.3	2.6	31.8
87	65	-do- Units	79	...	9.4	15.0	...
24	14½	Mid Scot Res▲	19½	...	...	...	...
47	34	Monument	40½	...	...	...	74.0
9½	6	New London	6½	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	30	...	1.0	4.2	10.4
35	27	Oil Search	31	...	...	...	...
14½	12	Pentex	12½	...	...	...	...
110	99	Pict Pet	107	+½	...	...	14.9
29½	18	Premier	29½	+½	...	...	10.3
115	50	Presidio	115	...	...	3.0	...
390	293	Ranger	390	+10	...	4.1	...
6050	5130	Royal Dutch Pt	5907½	-12½	...	3.4	14.0
4350	3400	Schlumberger	4337½	+87½	...	1.1	...
67	47	Seafield	58	...	...	...	...
615	515	Shell	603	-2	21.9	4.5	18.5
203	185	Sunshine Eng Sv	185	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Automagic▲	16	+1	...	...	...
150	86	Headlam	150	+1	...	2.2	-
500	330	Lambert	345	...	13.0	4.7	8.4
100	78	Pittards	78	...	2.0	3.2	22.3
30	20	Strong & Fisher	28	...	1.0	4.5	7.8
150	89	Stylo	145	+9	3.0	2.6	-
55	53	UK Safety	54	...	...	23.8	1.5

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
485	408	Allied Text	458	...	12.6	3.4	14.7
59	54	Beckman (A)	59	...	4.7	...	11.7
33	21	Bolton Gp	33	...	...	...	16.8
165	141	Br Mohair	158	...	8.5	6.7	-
20	15	Chartwell▲	20	...	0.4	2.5	...
345	288	Claremont Gs	338	-4	7.2	2.7	21.1
601	522	Courtauld Text	565	+8	13.6	3.0	15.5
37½	24½	Cupid▲	30	+1	...	...	...
248½	221	Dawson	222	-2	9.0	5.1	21.7
31	22	Drummond	25	...	1.3	...	7.7
37½	27	Dunkeld	29	...	...	...	...
72	65	Faupel▲	70	...	...	8.7	6.9
34	15	Foster (John)	22	...	0.5	2.8	...
133	82	Gaskell	128 †	...	4.2	4.2	-
186	156	Hicking Pentst	177	+1	3.4	2.4	15.0
59	45	Jerome (S)	57	-1	...	...	...
365	249	Lamont	383	-1	12.0	4.2	23.4
306	353½	Leeds	498 †	-7	...	1.9	23.0
42	15	Lister	38	...	0.1	0.3	...
122	78	Lyles (S)	80	...	4.9	7.7	9.1
180	98	Magellan	162	-6	1.4	1.1	...
130	69	Parkland 'A'	130 †	-1	2.0	1.9	...
102½	82	Readicut	97	-½	3.4	4.6	-
53	35	SERT	40	...	...	...	...
94	72	Sirdar	85	+1	5.1	7.6	14.9
61	44	Stirling Gp	61	...	1.6	3.4	22.3
51	42	Stoddard	42	...	2.6	7.4	11.2
312	250	Tomkinsons	300 †	-1	11.5	4.8	25.9
62½	32½	West Trust	39	...	...	8.0	...
417	252	Yorklyde	398 †	...	10.4	3.3	13.1

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50½	4	[illegible]	8				19
42	23	[illegible]	23				4.1
12	8½	[illegible]	11½		...		
172	147½	[illegible]	152	-2		2.6	...

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	201	AFI	[illegible] †		7.5	2.8	28.7
196	168	Arjo Wiggins	183	-1½		4.6	16.0
595	431	Abbott Mead	511		9.3	4.1	20.1
1½	¼	Aries Group	1½	+¼			
31	13	[illegible]	26		1.5	7.9	
212	155	Aspen Comms	200	+5		5.5	18.2
11	[illegible]	BBB Designs▲	11				
345	284½	Bemrose	[illegible]			4.1	14.0
11	10	[illegible]	12		0.2	1.5	30.4
138	119	Bunzl	136	-2	4.3	4.0	19.0
292	257	[illegible]	284			2.1	16.7
270	[illegible]	Capital Inds	238			1.9	30.0
40	44	City of Lon▲	35			8.1	-
214	160	[illegible]	214		3.0	1.8	24.4
8	6	Crown Comm▲	8 #				
73	51	Dewe Rogerson	69		1.4	2.8	12.9
117	94	Dolphin Pack	113		4.5	5.0	27.9
58	42	[illegible]	50				14.0
19½	12½	[illegible]	17½	-½	0.3	2.8	-
71	41	[illegible]	71			5.6	31.9
423	271	Ferguson Intl	311 †	-1	12.5	5.6	-
109	92	Ferry Pick	106			0.7	20.3
107	74	Finlay▲	106	+2		0.9	30.2
30	10	Fitch	16½	-½			
100	69	Gibbon Lyons▲	94			0.6	18.4
295	247	Gold Greenlees	290			1.7	[illegible]
41	30	Goodhead	38		0.9	2.4	
88	43	Hunterprint	70	-4			
185	136	Intereurope	180		7.4	5.2	11.8
284	191	Jarvis Porter	252		4.7	2.4	-
32	15½	Lopex	31				-
262	175	More O'Ferrall	262	+1	15.2	5.9	-
90	48	NMC Group	87	-1	1.2		17.5
103	66	Osborne & Little	97	-1	6.1	5.6	12.4
280	167	Quarto	259		5.1	2.6	19.2
347	317	St Ives Gp	328		9.2	2.7	27.[illegible]
185½	142½	Saatchi	165				
472	331	Sappi	443	+17		8.1	-
19½	11½	Scrifa	18				
25½	14	Shandwick	24½				
354	274	Smith David	350		0.9	1.4	15.5
295	237	Smurfit (Jeff)	282 †	+3		3.2	15.0
248	183	Sur-Plas	245		8.0	4.1	-
25½	16½	Taylor Nelson	25½		0.1	2.5	21.2
56	38	VTR▲	56			7.5	16.0
88	40	WPP	85	+2		1.5	
139	62	Wace	130			2.2	
221	203	Waddington (J)	217		7.9	4.6	16.1
682	540	Watmough	682		11.5	2.1	26.1
6½	4½	Westport▲	6½				23.3
22	12	Whitney Mck▲	20				
85	55	Wood (SW)	74		1.2	2.1	-

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
77	41	Allied Lon	76	-1	1.5	5.8	65.0
63	54	Arcadian	63	...	...	...	...
94	54	Asda	93 †	...	2.1	2.8	9.8
139	88	Avonside	132	...	4.0	3.8	18.5
2637½	2062½	BCE▲	2325	+37½	...	...	...
905	706	Bilton	905	+5	19.9	4.0	21.5
40	23	Bourne End	40 †	...	1.0	3.1	...
213	190	Bradford	209	...	4.4	2.7	19.0
23	12	Bredero	19	-1	...	...	14
325	166½	Br Land	326 †	+6	...	2.7	39.5
218	153	Brixton	212 †	...	...	5.1	15.4
78	45	Burford	73½	+1½	...	1.9	...
155	99	Cap & Regnls	154	...	...	0.9	-
160	120	Cardiff Prop	160	...	2.4	1.9	...
320	196	Chesterfield	310 †	...	11.0	3.7	-
32	12	City Site Ests	30	...	1.4	...	...
22	12	Clarke Nickolls	22	+2	0.1	...	5.3
15	10	Clayform	14	...	...	...	...
46	34	Conrad Ritat Gs	46	+4	...	1.4	...
1123	818	Daejan	1123	+5	25.0	2.8	17.5
3	1½	Dares Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
93	53	Debenham Twn	92	-1	2.5	3.4	39.4
12	4	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
140	76	Dencora	140 †	...	3.0	2.7	...
488	363	Derwent Hldgs	488	+3	8.6	2.2	40.8
235	170	Estates Agency	235	...	3.0	...	21.5
27	7½	Estates Gen	16	...	...	...	...
84	73	Evenbrook	80	...	2.7	4.4	8.5
189	132	Evans Of Leeds	180	...	4.1	3.1	16.2
27½	11	Five Oaks	27	...	...	...	...
53	30	Fletcher King	51	-1	1.0	2.5	36.9
407	285	Frogmore	406	+1	15.0	4.6	22.9
160	97	Grainger	155	+5	5.2	4.2	34.6
205	120	Gt Portland	191	-2	10.0	6.5	19.0
28½	7½	Greycoat	27½	+1	5.2	...	...
138	108	HK Land	132	+1	...	5.0	-
75	35	Hambro Cntyw	70	...	...	...	...
417	277	Hammerson	380	...	10.0	3.3	36.6
382	245	-do- 'A'	353	...	10.0	3.8	34.0
217	127	Helical Bar	217	+2	...	2.8	...
20	10	Hemingway	20	...	...	...	...
132	57	Herring Baker	74	+2	3.7	6.3	-
153	133	Jermyn	130	...	...	...	...
586	435	Land Sec	576 †	+1	...	3.0	17.1
95	73	Lon Merch Sec	95	...	3.8	5.0	15.1
4	1½	Lon & Metro	3½	+½	...	...	...
454	334	MEPC	441	-2	20.0	3.7	18.3
7½	3	McInerney A	7½	...	...	...	...
120	90	McKay Secs	120	...	6.7	...	18.7
7½	3	Markheath	6½	-½	0.5	...	...
49	12	Merivale Mtr	46	...	1.0	...	...
5	2	Merlin Ind	5 #	...	...	...	...
35	29	Moorfield Est	35	+2	...	...	...
905	775	Mountview	905	...	18.0	2.5	9.3
145	112	Muckow (A&J)	145	...	5.9	5.1	20.4
40	30	Olive Hldgs	40	-1	1.5	4.7	...
10½	4	Ossory Est	4½	...	0.1	...	14
130	88	PSIT	130	...	3.7	3.6	25.9
201	138	Peel	198	...	3.0	1.9	...
16	8	Power Corp	9	...	...	...	1.0
41	22	Property Trust	36	-3	...	...	...
3	1½	Raglan	2½	...	...	...	...
29	11	Regalian	25	+½	1.5	7.5	4.9
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	135	...	1.5	1.4	-
36½	16	St Modwen Prp	30	...	0.6	2.1	27.4
70	39	Savills	66	-1	...	...	...
82	34	Scot Mtg	81	...	1.3	...	...
100	59	Shaftesbury	95	+1	...	...	...
14½	5	Shield	10½	...	...	...	...
224	139½	Slough Estates	212	...	...	4.8	14.8
79	56	Southend Prop	77	...	4.1	6.8	38.8
16	7	Speyhawk	14 #	...	...	...	...
28	16	Stanhope Prps▲	26	...	...	...	...
168	114	Tops Ests	168	...	2.0	1.5	42.6
116	79	Town Centre	115	-1	3.1	3.4	21.5
72	43	Trafford Park	68	...	2.5	4.2	18.3
38	8	UK Land	27	-1	...	...	...
9½	4	Union Square	7½	...	...	...	...
243	180	Warner	239 †	-3	10.5	5.5	21.8
199	108	Warnford	192	...	7.5	5.0	-
7	3½	Waterglade	4	+¼	...	...	...
67	35	Wates	67	...	0.7	1.4	...
76	40	Wood John De	75	...	...	...	...

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
507	411	BAT	477 ‡	-5	...	5.4	16.0
690	584½	Rothmans 'B'	610	-9	10.2	2.1	13.9

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
433	349	Assoc Br Ports	428	...	...	2.5	...
813	732	BAA	785	-2	14.5	2.4	13.5
312	249	Br Airways	286 †	-1½	...	4.5	16.2
85	56	Clarkson (H)	85	+2	1.5	2.2	...
23	22	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	422	-1	...	...	...
52	44	Fisher (James)	49	...	1.0	2.6	13.2
160	126	Graig	155	...	4.5	4.4	...
184	147	[illegible]	184	+1	...	5.4	9.6
34	24	Jacobs (JI)	33	...	0.5	1.9	...
82	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	82	+3	...	...	...
2250	1287½	Manchstr Sh	2100	...	4.5	0.3	11.5
349	280	Mersey Docks	343	-1	7.5	2.7	22.0
300	181	Natl Express	300	...	...	4.4	14.3
284	238	NFC	258	-1	6.5	3.2	19.6
302	244	Ocean Group	281	...	14.3	6.4	...
65	40	Ocean Wilson	60	-5	4.0	8.7	10.4
627	504	P & O Dfd	615	+1	...	6.2	33.4
151	122	P & O 5 1/2%	150 †	+2	...	4.6	...
555	448	Powell Duffryn	544	-4	22.6	5.4	-
140	117	Seacon▲	138	-1	...	4.6	8.7
42	24	TIP Europe	41½	...	1.4	4.2	10.1
50½	31½	TNT	49½	...	...	...	...
765	624	Tibbet & Britn	735	-8	11.8	2.0	28.3
382	173	Tiphook	318	...	17.3	6.8	6.3
286	235	TDG	259	-1	9.5	5.0	-

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
553	460	Anglian Water	465	-9	19.3	5.2	8.4
632	547	Northumbrian	578	-3	20.5	4.4	8.0
533	449	North West	482	-4	...	5.8	8.2
530	439	Severn Trent	484	-3	19.3	5.0	7.1
554	454	Sthrn Water	483	-2	19.5	4.9	8.7
1350	1225	Sth Staffs	1330	...	47.0	4.6	-
560	467	South West	486	-4	...	6.3	7.7
563	468	Thames Water	483	-4	...	5.5	9.0
612	506	Welsh Water	556	-4	21.4	4.8	6.4
640	536	Wessex Water	587	-3	...	4.3	7.2
593	505	Yorkshire W	535	-3	...	5.4	8.4

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; - Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

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ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL. 0345 717373				
Mastertrust	117.90	126.00	+0.50	.09
International	90.31	96.07	+0.55	.94
Dividend Gth	56.86	60.48	-0.07	4.65
Global Gth Sec	62.01	65.96	+0.08	2.62
Ethical Growth	65.16	69.31†	-1.08	2.52
High Inc Equity	148.90	158.40	-0.20	5.03
Worldwide Bond	265.90	281.90†	+3.50	4.30
Gilts Fixed Int	127.80	135.50†	-1.50	8.07
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ 0224 633070 Dealing: 0800 833580 30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ 071 374 6881				
Amer Inc Gth	43.15	45.56	+0.53	0.68
European	80.85	85.64	+0.74	...
European Inc	77.14	81.00†	+0.71	1.82
Exempt	898.80	925.50†	-2.30	3.32
Extra Inc	42.52	46.17†	-0.29	5.00
F East Emerg Ec	82.67	89.09	+0.16	0.73
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL 0793 514514 Dealing: 0793 610366				
High Inc	376.60	402.50	+2.40	4.09
Equity Inc	212.10	226.70	+0.60	4.02
High Yield	231.60	247.50†	+0.50	4.14
Balanced	630.10	673.50†	-8.80	2.61
American Inc	46.94	50.17	+1.39	3.30
Wld Asset Val	40.24	43.01	+0.66	1.91
Japan	209.00	222.70	+5.50	0.01
Secs of Am	405.80	420.80†	+11.30	0.57
AXA EQUITY & LAW St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1GD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	311.00	330.90†	+1.00	2.72
-do- Inc	220.30	234.40†	-0.60	2.72
Higher Inc Acc	563.90	599.90†	-0.30	3.74
-do- Inc	342.60	364.50†	-0.10	3.74
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	174.10	183.80	+0.80	6.07
-do- Inc	91.34	96.37	+0.42	6.07
Nth America	254.60	270.90†	+2.60	...
Far East	300.40	319.60†	-3.10	0.20
Europe	224.50	238.90	+3.10	0.97
General Inc	423.00	450.10	+2.00	2.42
-do- Acc	464.10	493.80	+2.20	2.42
Brit Excell	62.78	66.79†	-0.81	2.76
Brit Fndmtls Inc	66.41	70.66	-1.20	4.88
Brit Fndmtls Acc	85.61	91.08	-1.54	4.88
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15 081 534 5544				
Capital	104.60	112.20	-0.50	2.78
Euro Gth Inc	113.40	120.30	-1.10	1.04
Extra Inc	104.30	111.50	-0.40	4.88
General	239.30	254.80	+0.70	2.98
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.06	58.99†	+0.13	8.35
Income	481.10	514.50	+2.10	4.51
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9002				
American Gth	91.47	97.07	+0.77	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	118.70	127.20	+0.80	...
Convertibles	52.79	56.45	-0.33	7.00
Eastern	181.80	195.60	-1.00	1.60
Equity Income	80.16	85.27†	-0.57	6.30
European Gth	225.60	239.90†	+1.90	1.50
Euro Smllr Cos	148.30	158.30†	...	1.90
Exempt	82.82	84.90	+0.62	3.60
German Growth	58.02	59.68	-0.07	0.70
Global Growth	108.10	115.20	+1.30	...
Japan Growth	a8207.20	221.90	+4.20	...
Japan Sunrise	181.20	193.30	+3.70	...
Portfolio	116.60	124.80	+0.20	3.20
-do- Acc	207.70	222.50	-0.40	3.20
UK Growth	82.38	87.63	+1.97	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	85.86	91.82†	+2.10	1.90
Select Managers	62.57	66.99	+0.13	2.00
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	103.66	110.88	+0.14	1.87
-do- Inc	94.25	100.80	+0.13	1.87
Global Bond	28.54	30.28†	-0.13	5.37
High Yield Acc	52.97	56.65	+0.27	3.80
-do- Inc	38.45	41.12	+0.20	3.50
Smlr Cos Acc	90.54	96.84	+0.30	1.35
-do- Inc	83.22	89.01†	+0.28	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	56.73	60.87	-0.45	...
-do- Inc	55.67	59.54	-0.44	...
Euro Gth Acc	100.76	107.76	-0.09	1.07
-do- Inc	99.38	106.29	-0.08	1.07
Mngd P folio	34.64	37.05	+0.06	1.29
Pacific Growth	102.52	109.64	-0.02	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	85.98	91.95	-0.09	0.67
BROWN SHIPLEY 9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
Financial	125.60	133.70	-2.50	3.13
Smaller Cos Acc	295.00	315.70	+1.60	...
Smaller Cos Inc	171.60	183.60†	+0.90	1.18
High Inc	70.00	75.25†	-0.52	6.96
Income	126.20	135.10†	+1.00	4.07
Mngd P folio Inc	94.07	100.20	+0.31	1.86
-do- Acc	177.80	189.30	+0.50	...
North American	102.00	108.70	+1.70	0.20
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542 Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	60.97	64.87	-0.28	1.47
-do- Acc	68.74	73.13	-0.31	1.25
Income Fund 5	210.30	223.80†	+0.80	4.17
-do- Acc	489.40	520.70†	+1.90	4.14
Inv Portfolio	66.83	69.26	+0.35	2.11
-do- Acc	73.47	78.21	+0.40	2.07
Smaller Cos	128.30	136.51	...	1.52
-do- Acc	154.00	163.90	-0.10	1.52
High Inc P folio	59.79	61.96	-0.16	4.71
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	134.40	143.00†	-0.70	1.70
UK Growth	146.00	155.40	+0.70	2.12
UK Income	121.50	129.30	+0.20	4.24
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	86.22	92.22	+0.47	1.66
Growth	44.05	47.11	+0.17	2.91
Income	53.51	57.56	+0.25	3.52
Far East	49.24	52.67	+0.24	0.15
North American	84.08	90.41	+0.26	...
Global	84.65	90.54	+0.50	0.73
European	70.01	74.88	+0.38	1.19
Japan	118.30	126.50	+2.20	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	57.95	61.39	+0.90	5.22
UK Cap Gwth	79.59	85.13	+0.74	2.15
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF Enquiries: 061 236 5685 Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	128.40	136.60	+1.80	0.22
-do- Acc	136.50	145.30	+2.00	0.22
European	65.69	69.65	+0.65	0.77
-do- Acc	68.08	72.19	+0.67	0.77
Far East Gen	68.75	73.14	+1.49	...
-do- Acc	68.75	73.14	+1.49	...
Glenfriars	252.60	268.80	+5.20	0.69
-do- Acc	284.40	302.60	+5.80	0.69
Growth	377.40	403.20	+2.00	2.26
-do- Acc	646.00	691.00	+3.50	2.26
Income Growth	370.20	393.90	-2.50	3.86
-do- Acc	492.20	523.70	-3.40	3.86
Master Portfolio	9447.0	9788.0†	-11.00	2.24
-do- Acc	10933.0	11328.0	-13.00	2.24
Special Sits	86.83	92.58	+1.32	2.22
-do- Acc	101.62	108.11	+1.55	2.22
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1180.0	1217.0†	...	4.42
-do- Acc	1392.0	1436.0	...	4.42
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	191.00	203.30	-3.40	1.62
Capital	524.60	558.80	-0.40	2.38
Eurotrack 100	128.50	136.70	+0.80	1.51
Euro Gth	80.20	85.37	+0.94	1.32
Far East Growth	94.08	100.40	+2.59	0.13
Global Bond	23.54	24.80	-0.35	6.03
Hong Kong	82.34	87.87	-0.34	0.78
Income	492.30	525.30	+1.30	3.97
Intl Growth	74.70	79.72	+0.95	0.98
Japan Growth	287.90	307.20	+9.80	...
Japan Smllr Cos	36.83	39.30	+1.17	...
Japan Index	82.43	87.97	+2.30	0.22
Nth American	433.10	462.20	+10.40	0.93
S pore Mly Gth	54.37	58.02†	+0.67	...
The Foogie Fd	105.30	111.10†	-1.60	2.76
Tiger Index	140.10	149.50	+3.50	0.67
UK Index	122.60	130.80	+0.30	2.98
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
American P folio	82.34	88.00†	+1.44	1.00
European P folio	72.06	76.68	+0.51	1.38
Japanese P folio	68.67	72.96	+1.59	...
Pacific P folio	98.79	106.23†	-1.46	1.11
Cazenove P folio	71.06	76.00	+0.28	3.00
UK Income Gth	62.41	66.90	-0.03	5.00
Utility & Bond	49.15	49.82	-0.33	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	599.55	601.80	+1.80	4.95
Fixed Int	153.15	153.90	+1.10	9.42
Deposit	5.60	....	...	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Income	590.99	598.50	+12.76	5.00
-do- Acc	2316.8	2332.7	+27.47	...
Deposit	5.55	....	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.45	124.64	+0.48	9.31
-do- Acc	166.60	166.90	+1.46	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	62.45	65.74	+0.75	2.30
Beckman Intl	79.67	84.12	+1.51	3.15
Friars Hse Inc	175.04	188.22	-0.95	6.18
Friars Hse Cap	244.34	262.73	+0.65	2.77
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222 Dealing: 081 686 9818				
Smaller Cos	36.31	38.63	+0.30	1.78
-do- Acc	40.91	43.52	+0.33	1.78
Wwide Bd	....	....	...	...
-do- Acc	....	....	...	...
Wwide Sp Sits	57.33	61.32	+0.42	0.12
-do- Acc	59.73	63.88	+0.44	0.12
Quilter	121.26	129.00	+0.33	2.42
-do- Acc	134.66	143.26	+0.36	2.42
Quilter Income	93.01	98.95	+0.17	3.52
-do- Acc	114.63	121.95	+0.22	3.52
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	80.67	85.82	-1.22	0.92
Japanese Acc	65.60	69.79	+1.54	...
UK Balncd Inc	124.70	132.70†	-1.40	2.53
-do- Acc	147.20	156.60†	...	2.53
UK Growth Acc	205.90	219.00†	-0.20	2.20
UK High Inc	130.10	138.40†	-0.10	6.86
-do- Acc	157.50	167.50†	-0.10	6.86
N America Acc	110.70	117.80	+0.50	0.33
European Acc	153.50	163.30	+1.40	0.43
UK Pref F/I Inc	59.18	62.77†	-0.04	9.00
-do- Acc	97.07	103.00†	+0.20	9.00
Intl Sp Sits Acc	48.33	51.41	+0.53	0.22
Environmntl Opp	71.18	75.72†	+0.16	1.73
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	110.20	117.10	+1.20	0.43
UK Smllr Cos	198.50	210.90†	+1.30	1.19
Eurofund	37.14	39.29	+0.11	1.02
Mngd Exempt	163.60	170.60	-0.20	3.09
Growth Inc	211.60	224.80	+1.40	3.78
High Dist	140.50	149.30†	+1.30	5.19
International	318.90	338.80	+4.10	0.96
Intl Income	79.98	85.38	+0.64	3.05
Pacific	58.05	61.68	+0.50	0.49
Smllr Jap Cos	77.12	81.94	+1.81	...
Tokyo	215.30	228.80	+6.60	...
Japan Exempt	121.10	124.40	...	0.43
Sm Jap Exempt	626.10	643.30	-13.10	0.08
Formerly Target				
American Eagle	120.00	127.50	...	1.30
Australia	6.772	7.191	-0.20	1.09
Equity	186.00	197.60	+0.90	3.54
Euro Spec Sits	140.10	148.30†	+0.40	0.55
Financial	39.87	42.36	+0.52	2.84
Global Opps Inc	88.93	94.49	+0.97	2.12
-do- Acc	92.18	97.94	+1.00	2.12
Gold Gen Inc	49.21	52.29	-0.65	0.83
-do- Acc	94.45	100.40	-1.20	0.83
Income	119.20	126.70	-1.30	5.87
Japan General	166.80	177.20	+4.60	...
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7241				
Endurance	175.70	186.90	+1.80	1.07
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	103.37	108.81	+0.14	3.20
High Income	118.14	124.36†	+0.53	4.82
Tst of Inv Tsts	144.38	151.98	+0.46	1.99
Special Sits	84.53	89.00	+0.84	2.54
North American	103.05	108.45	+1.14	0.82
Far Eastern	249.08	262.19	+4.67	1.49
Intl Growth	94.91	99.90	+1.30	1.39
European	63.57	66.71	+0.18	2.17
Smaller Cos	70.21	73.91	+0.24	2.21
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 220 787				
United Charities	217.60	231.40†	...	3.31
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.30
European Tst	118.90	126.50	+1.80	...
High Income	24.93	26.23†	+0.06	5.75
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	90.89	96.18	+0.31	0.86
Far Eastern	140.70	149.80	+1.60	...
Ocean Income	86.35	92.39	-1.33	2.52
UK Growth	94.44	101.00	+0.40	0.95
UK Income	98.74	105.60†	+0.30	3.47
US Smaller Cos	243.30	260.20	+6.70	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Amer Gth	48.60	51.72	+0.62	...
-do- Acc	48.60	51.72	+0.62	...
Am Smllr Co	419.50	448.60	+1.50	...
-do- Acc	428.50	458.20	+1.30	...
Capital	280.50	300.00	+2.60	2.06
-do- Acc	404.60	430.30	+3.60	2.06
Conti Smllr Cos	47.75	51.37†	-0.20	0.67
-do- Acc	49.81	53.60†	+0.33	0.67
Convertible	115.60	122.90	+0.90	5.90
-do- Acc	214.10	227.70	+1.80	5.90
Emg Mark	50.53	53.98	+0.60	...
-do- Acc	50.53	53.98	+0.60	...
European	95.43	101.90†	+0.40	0.88
-do- Acc	99.26	106.00†	+0.40	0.88
Extra Income	290.80	309.30	...	4.00
-do- Acc	407.20	433.10	...	4.00
Financial	102.50	110.20†	+1.10	0.75
-do- Acc	107.30	115.40†	+1.20	0.75
Health Fund Inc	117.00	125.00	+2.80	...
-do- Acc	117.00	125.00	+2.80	...
Income Tst	175.40	186.50†	+0.40	3.90
-do- Acc	248.50	264.30†	+0.50	3.90
Intl Growth	315.40	337.00	+1.90	...
-do- Acc	350.20	374.20	+2.10	...
Japan Gen	186.90	199.80	+1.70	...
-do- Acc	188.80	201.80	+1.70	...
Mngd F folio Inc	90.24	94.98	+0.43	0.91
-do- Acc	94.86	99.85	+0.46	0.91
Monthly Income	150.20	159.70	+0.60	3.97
Qrtly Inc	48.58	51.67†	+0.25	5.91
-do- Acc	48.70	51.80†	+0.26	5.91
Recovery	294.00	314.40	+0.70	0.61
-do- Acc	344.40	368.20	+0.80	0.61
UK Growth	46.46	49.66	-0.04	2.57
-do- Acc	46.46	49.66	-0.04	2.57
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts. SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	343.80	365.74†	+1.67	2.86
-do- Acc	702.72	747.57†	+3.41	2.86
Euro Gth Dist	105.83	112.58	+1.21	0.94
-do- Acc	108.98	115.94	+1.24	0.94
Fixed Int Dist	127.62	134.99†	-1.48	6.48
-do- Acc	217.12	229.66†	-0.39	6.48
Intl Gth Dist	76.96	81.87†	+0.43	0.73
-do- Acc	79.89	84.99†	+0.74	0.73
Nth Amer Dist	165.28	175.08	+1.66	0.83
-do- Acc	170.25	189.88	+1.81	0.83
Pac Basin Dist	250.16	266.13	+1.92	0.09
-do- Acc	254.11	270.33	+1.95	0.09
Stewardship Dist	301.13	320.35†	+1.41	1.73
-do- Acc	359.03	381.95†	+1.68	1.73
Stwd Inc Dist	64.10	68.19†	+0.88	3.40
-do- Acc	79.13	84.18†	+1.08	3.40
N Am Stwrd Dist	96.56	102.72	+2.20	...
-do- Acc	102.14	108.66	+2.32	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 283 4567. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	140.50	150.30	+0.60	...
European	405.40	430.60	+2.30	0.98
Far East General	227.20	243.00	+1.30	0.30
Germany	95.67	101.40	+0.20	0.45
Global Assets In	67.66	72.26†	+0.31	2.23
Global Assets Ac	71.54	76.40	-0.32	2.18
Income Inc	121.80	130.30	+1.30	6.75
International	269.50	288.30	-2.60	0.97
Intl Income	74.40	79.24†	-3.93	5.03
Japan General	379.10	402.90	+8.80	...
Smllr Cos Div	46.75	50.00	+0.37	6.07
UK Capital Inc	166.60	178.20	-3.80	3.88
-do- Acc	285.00	304.90	+6.60	3.68
UK Spec Sits	75.41	80.66	+1.03	1.57
US General	115.50	123.00†	+2.60	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	117.00	124.90	+0.40	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	43.97	47.03	+0.60	1.53
Cash Trust*	128.82	128.82	+0.09	5.51
Fract Inv Inc	102.57	109.76	+0.19	3.83
-do- Acc	219.76	235.67	+0.39	3.87
UK Smaller Cos	100.89	108.19	-1.95	0.94
Income Funds				
Preference Share	25.51	27.28	+0.05	7.95
High Inc	31.19	33.36	-0.10	4.98
UK Equity Inc	126.25	135.03	-0.44	3.95
Global Bond	29.20	30.25	+0.31	4.76
International Funds				
Gold Intl	83.67	89.73†	-3.38	0.65
Frontier Markets	40.53	43.46	-0.72	0.39
Global Inc Gth	117.02	124.95	+0.77	1.91
UK Intl	112.34	120.15	-2.26	0.25
Overseas Funds				
American	126.05	134.52†	-0.03	0.51
European	81.17	86.11	+1.22	0.62
Euro Sel Opps	94.95	101.33	+1.45	0.89
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	127.12	135.96	+0.61	0.37
American Gth	124.64	133.30	+3.45	...
European Gth	66.32	70.92	+0.85	0.42
Japan Gth	82.37	88.10	+1.35	...
Pacific Inc	143.95	146.07	-7.92	2.85
Pacific Strategy	123.69	132.28	+0.01	0.25
UK Prog Inc	70.34	74.14†	-1.86	4.61
Gt British Cos	47.61	50.16†	+0.14	2.70
UK Small Cos	44.87	47.99	+0.29	2.12
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9868				
Cash	131.20	131.20	+0.10	4.86
Gilt Fixed	118.40	125.60	+0.20	6.73
Growth Equity	283.60	302.90†	+4.10	2.19
Guardhill	421.10	450.00	+4.80	2.24
Income Trust	108.70	116.10	+1.80	3.06
International	157.10	167.80	+1.80	0.36
Japan Trust	129.50	138.30	+3.00	...
Nth American	248.10	265.00	+2.20	0.49
Pacific	365.10	390.00	-3.70	0.02
European	342.30	365.70	+4.20	0.74
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 608, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838848				
Global Adv Inc	35.09	37.20	+0.19	1.64
-do- Acc	36.72	38.93	+0.19	1.64
Inc Adv Inc	29.06	30.81†	-0.24	4.00
-do- Acc	30.50	32.33	+0.05	4.00
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	77.95	83.50	+2.94	0.92
Equity Income	111.00	118.10†	+0.90	3.49
European	130.00	137.60	...	1.15
Intl Situation	74.40	79.15	+0.03	...
Japanese	150.50	159.70	+0.60	...
North American	96.11	102.00†	-0.30	...
Scandinavian	113.30	119.70	-0.90	...
Smaller Cos	31.30	33.08	+0.23	1.93
HENDERSON PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	88.59	94.70	+1.49	...
Asian Enterprise	129.33	138.98	+1.02	0.90
Australian	134.06	143.28	-1.82	1.25
European	368.18	389.65†	+3.83	1.06
European Inc	70.10	74.14	-1.19	2.84
Euro Sml Co	120.98	128.99	-0.29	0.58
Extra Income	253.56	269.93†	-3.75	4.94
Family of Funds	70.19	74.93	+0.42	1.27
Fixed Interest	54.48	58.26†	-0.75	8.04
Global Resour	103.36	110.95	-0.23	0.70
High Inc	285.20	304.87†	+1.47	4.35
Income Gth	231.29	246.33†	+0.78	3.85
-do- Acc	597.77	636.62†	+2.02	3.85
International	228.12	243.21	+2.35	0.94
Japan Spec Sit	252.12	268.38	+4.75	...
Japan	217.30	231.10	+6.18	...
N Amer	217.22	230.95	-1.29	0.18
Pacific Smllr Cos	190.85	206.50	-0.22	0.31
Pref Gilt	45.61	49.24†	+0.06	8.53
Smaller Cos Div	166.92	181.94†	+2.85	4.05
Special Sits	260.01	278.21	+1.48	1.61
-do- Acc	400.65	428.69	+2.28	1.61
Best of British	54.57	58.43†	-0.10	2.62
Spirit of the East	60.88	65.17	-0.30	0.53
Henderson TR Dealing 071 410 4029				
American Gth	79.82	85.36	-0.09	...
Euro Spec Sits	44.51	47.38†	-0.09	...
-do- Acc	47.13	50.16	-0.11	...
Far East Opps	32.11	34.69	-0.09	...
-do- Acc	32.99	35.65	-0.09	...
General Growth	97.35	104.18	+0.18	2.03
Global Tech	122.12	132.22†	-1.91	...
Income Growth	101.64	109.29	+0.49	3.43
Income Monthly	56.51	60.43	+0.02	4.28
Japan Growth	86.52	92.10	+2.69	...
Overseas Gth	75.32	80.13†	+0.80	...
Smaller Cos	74.83	80.45†	+1.85	1.53
Special Opps	103.82	111.63	+0.33	2.09
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	85.18	91.10	-0.66	2.37
Capital	153.30	163.90	-0.60	1.99
Dollar	302.50	323.50	+3.30	0.09
European	196.00	209.60	+0.80	0.65
Far East	235.60	251.90	-3.40	0.42
Financial	683.50	731.00†	-3.30	2.43
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.38	26.36	-0.09	7.95
High Yield	98.65	105.50	+0.80	4.68
Income	131.10	140.20	+0.10	3.71
Intl	212.80	227.50	+0.90	0.28
Japan Tech	75.51	80.75	+2.17	...
Nat Resources	58.30	62.35	-1.71	0.67
Security	290.30	310.40†	-2.80	2.08
Smaller Cos	110.40	118.00†	-2.30	1.39
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	25.01	27.42	+0.28	1.51
Special Features	26.78	28.45	+0.04	1.64
-do- Acc	31.62	33.59	+0.05	1.64
General Funds				
UK Growth	52.32	55.99†	+0.31	1.91
Assets Earnings	69.66	74.01	+0.10	1.92
do Acc	81.87	86.98	+0.11	1.92
Managed Invest	87.50	93.44	+0.95	1.18
Expert Children	73.97	78.88	+0.04	1.84
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.62	50.62	+0.03	4.36
Extra Inc	78.20	83.63	+0.44	4.86
Gilt	27.64	29.12	+0.08	6.77
Income Gth	38.01	40.60†	+0.14	3.47
MIDASter	75.15	76.80	+0.23	7.99
Preference	17.46	19.14†	+0.01	6.26
UK Income	302.60	323.20	+1.30	2.97
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	55.81	59.28†	+0.07	1.27
Property Shares	64.39	69.11	+1.71	1.71
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	141.50	148.70†	+0.80	3.76
European Acc	109.30	115.70	+1.60	1.81
European Dist	104.00	110.20	+1.60	1.81
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	48.39	51.45	+0.77	0.91
European Perf	108.30	114.70	+0.90	1.05
-do- Acc	110.10	116.80	+0.90	1.05
Euro Small Cos	21.00	22.35	+0.03	0.75
French Growth	64.21	68.26	-0.43	0.54
-do- Acc	68.59	72.92	-0.46	0.54
Hong K/China	70.57	75.86	-1.17	1.64
Intl Growth	51.48	54.69	+0.59	0.64
-do- Acc	51.48	54.69	+0.59	0.64
Japan Perf	36.97	39.27†	+0.93	...
Accum Units	36.97	39.27†	+0.93	...
Japan Smllr Cos	39.09	41.57	+0.96	...
Singapore Asean	80.02	86.61	+0.63	0.28
-do- Acc	80.52	87.15	+0.64	0.28
South East Asia	231.40	249.60	+0.40	0.95
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6680. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	69.46	69.80†	+0.05	5.04
Extra Income	50.62	53.85†	-0.99	5.75
Gilt Yield	116.00	122.40†	-1.30	7.38
Global Income	196.70	209.30†	-2.40	4.19
High Yield	130.10	138.40	-1.10	5.08
Smllr Cos Div	47.55	50.59†	-0.06	4.15
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	88.17	93.80	-0.46	...
North American	74.13	78.86	+1.02	0.41
European	129.20	137.40	+1.10	0.85
Euro Special	76.89	81.90	-0.53	0.94
General	258.10	274.60	-1.40	3.25
Japan	451.60	480.40†	+6.40	...
Japanese Special	255.30	271.60	+5.40	...
Master Acc	213.10	226.70	-1.70	1.36
Pacific	272.70	290.10	+6.80	0.55
Smaller Cos	101.40	107.90†	+0.60	1.55
IAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 558 5151				
European	72.48	77.11	+0.45	0.92
Extra Income	23.87	25.39	+0.05	3.20
Far East	27.63	29.39	+0.10	0.90
Income Gwth	72.34	76.96	+0.28	2.86
Intl Growth	51.35	54.63	+0.18	0.72
Japan	67.13	71.41	+1.01	...
Maximum Dis*	99.90	101.90†	+0.20	6.86
N Amer Equity	37.64	40.04†	+0.24	0.27
UK Equity	85.46	90.92†	-0.51	3.01
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	52.74	56.11	+0.20	4.46
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	418.10	444.80	+1.00	2.91
Equity Acc	793.60	844.30	+1.80	2.91
Equity Income	90.03	95.78	+0.19	5.16
European	94.05	100.10	-0.10	1.71
Far Eastern	186.80	197.70	-3.40	0.29
Fixed Interest	51.72	55.02	+0.24	6.34
Gilt	89.20	94.59†	+0.07	6.50
Global Growth	65.76	69.96†	-0.52	0.74
Intl Bond	55.39	58.93	-0.60	4.82
Japanese	74.28	79.02	+0.58	...
Overseas Equity	94.86	100.90†	-0.70	0.78
Pacific Gth	85.21	90.65	-2.20	1.24
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834313				
Balanced	307.90	327.60†	+1.60	2.85
-do- Acc	676.20	719.40	+3.40	2.85
Contl Euro Gth	49.74	52.36	-0.37	1.52
-do- Acc	52.60	55.37	-0.39	1.52
Extra Inc	231.60	246.40	-2.50	3.87
-do- Acc	572.50	609.10	-6.30	3.87
German Gth	99.84	105.10	+1.60	0.33
-do- Acc	104.70	110.50	+1.70	0.33
Growth Port	485.20	516.20	+0.90	1.45
-do- Acc	485.20	516.20	+0.90	1.45
Income	436.40	464.30	-4.20	3.60
-do- Acc	1121.0	1193.0	-9.00	3.60
Income Port	482.20	513.00†	+1.30	4.40
-do- Acc	486.90	518.00	+1.30	4.40
Japan Growth	101.70	108.20	+2.80	0.01
-do- Acc	102.10	108.70	+2.90	0.01
Master Trust	51.40	54.69	+0.16	1.52
-do- Acc	55.91	59.48	+0.18	1.52
N American Gen	179.50	191.00	+1.80	0.01
-do- Acc	207.30	220.60	+2.00	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	137.20	146.00	+1.40	0.01
-do- Acc	140.10	149.10	+1.50	0.01
Pacific Basin	199.30	212.10	-1.40	0.56
-do- Acc	210.70	224.20	-1.40	0.56
Small Cos Rec	304.30	320.40†	-8.50	2.21
-do- Acc	396.20	417.10	-11.20	2.21
UK Growth	77.87	82.85	+0.06	2.20
-do- Acc	90.80	96.60	+0.07	2.20
Worldwide Gth	276.00	293.70†	-0.10	0.14
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282673				
General	76.11	81.66†	-0.76	2.80
Income	58.78	63.07	-0.21	5.50
International	56.81	60.98†	+0.26	0.70
American	58.55	62.82	+0.55	0.30
Japan	56.55	60.68	+1.27	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	55.48	59.53	+0.19	1.90
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	380.90	402.00	+5.10	0.81
-do- Acc	469.90	496.10	+6.40	0.81
American Rec	408.90	432.40†	+7.70	0.17
-do- Acc	468.50	495.40	+8.70	0.17
Am Sm Co Acc	116.30	123.00	+1.20	...
Australia Acc	154.10	162.90	-2.10	1.13
Capital	653.20	690.80	+3.60	2.54
-do- Acc	720.70	762.30	+4.00	2.54
Commodity Acc	423.10	447.40	-0.40	0.81
Compnd Gth	808.50	854.90	+5.60	2.94
Dividend	34.60	36.60†	+0.20	4.24
-do- Acc	137.00	145.10	+0.80	4.24
Equity Inc	299.03	316.20	+2.93	4.76
European Div	59.10	62.50	+0.70	4.29
-do- Acc	66.20	70.70	+0.90	4.29
European Gen	380.70	402.60	+4.60	1.45
-do- Acc	475.70	503.00	+5.80	1.45
Extra Yield	373.70	395.20	+3.10	4.38
-do- Acc	1092.6	1155.6	+9.20	4.38
Far Eastern	297.50	314.60	-3.00	0.68
-do- Acc	391.40	413.80	-4.00	0.68
Fund of Inv	493.00	521.30†	+3.20	2.21
-do- Acc	899.30	950.90	+5.80	2.21
General	52.90	55.90	+0.10	3.62
-do- Acc	139.40	147.40	+0.30	3.62
Gilt Fxd Int	60.60	60.60†	+0.10	7.66
do Acc	152.20	152.30	+0.10	7.66
Gold	53.70	56.80	-3.30	0.83
-do- Acc	62.80	66.50	-3.70	0.83
High Inc	24.90	26.30	+0.20	4.54
-do- Acc	92.10	97.50	+0.70	4.54
Intl Growth	67.80	71.70	+0.40	0.90
-do- Acc	116.80	123.60	+0.70	0.90
Intl Inc	92.20	97.50	+0.50	4.50
Japan Gen Acc	52.50	55.50	+0.90	...
Japan Smllr Cos	156.80	165.90	-1.90	...
Midland	55.20	58.40	+0.80	3.24
-do- Acc	176.70	187.10	+2.50	3.24
Recovery	36.40	38.50	+0.30	1.71
-do- Acc	57.20	60.60	+0.50	2.72
Second Gen	61.00	64.50	+0.30	3.42
-do- Acc	149.10	157.80	+0.70	3.42
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	135.00	144.30	+0.80	2.02
-do- Acc	149.90	160.30	+1.00	2.02
UK Income	111.00	118.70†	-1.30	2.68
-do- Acc	125.50	134.20†	+0.40	2.68
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	79.37	84.88	...	0.80
Far East (Pacific)	138.20	146.70†	-0.20	0.63
Income Growth	69.70	73.00†	-1.01	3.15
European	66.52	70.61	+0.65	1.28
Nth American	55.19	58.58†	-1.01	1.04
UK Growth	75.09	79.71	+1.16	1.62
Intl Growth	94.10	99.89	+0.75	0.65
Charities	105.50	111.90†	...	3.80
Intl Income	66.13	70.20†	-0.51	4.30
Japan	55.74	59.17	+1.36	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	185.10	196.30	+1.50	...
-do- Acc	197.90	209.80	+1.50	...
Cash	100.60	100.60	+0.10	5.51
-do- Acc	129.40	129.40	+0.10	5.51
European Gth	189.60	201.00	+1.70	0.79
-do- Acc	203.00	215.20	+1.80	0.79
General	454.90	485.30	+3.50	2.49
-do- Acc	865.20	922.90	+6.50	2.49
Global Dist	128.90	135.50	+1.00	5.39
-do- Acc	144.30	151.60	+1.10	5.39
Income	133.50	142.40†	+0.80	4.78
-do- Acc	196.90	210.10†	+1.20	4.78
International	380.30	405.10†	+2.50	0.69
-do- Acc	505.80	538.80†	+4.80	0.69
Japan	192.40	204.20	+2.80	...
-do- Acc	197.50	209.50	+2.70	...
New Europe	136.50	145.60	+1.10	1.78
-do- Acc	138.70	148.00	+1.20	1.78
Recovery	288.70	308.00†	+1.60	2.91
-do- Acc	365.00	389.40†	+1.90	2.91
European Inc	72.97	77.48	+0.79	3.15
-do- Acc	92.57	98.31	+1.03	3.15
Brit Blue Chip	70.75	75.36	+0.50	3.34
-do- Acc	83.45	88.89	+0.61	3.34
Portfolio	72.64	77.24	+0.53	2.93
-do- Acc	82.60	87.83	+0.60	2.93
Gold General	125.40	134.90	-6.30	0.69
-do- Acc	127.20	136.80	-6.30	0.69
Pacific	91.33	97.42	-0.91	0.86
-do- Acc	96.46	102.90	-1.00	0.86
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 520 280 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	56.46	60.38	+0.19	2.91
-do- Acc	57.32	61.31	+0.20	2.91
British Dist	75.28	80.51	-0.23	2.07
-do- Acc	85.22	91.14	-0.26	2.07
European Gth	165.10	176.30†	+1.50	0.49
-do- Acc	207.40	221.50	+1.90	0.49
Extra High Inc	67.55	72.25	-0.57	6.16
-do- Acc	118.70	127.00	-0.70	6.16
FT-SE 100 Index	47.69	51.01	+0.01	2.74
-do- Acc	47.69	51.01	+0.01	2.74
Gilt Fixed Int	54.86	57.11†	-0.75	6.89
-do- Acc	146.40	152.40	+0.80	6.89
High Yield	212.80	227.60†	+0.90	4.83
-do- Acc	499.80	534.50	+2.30	4.83
Income	273.70	292.70	+0.90	3.43
-do- Acc	568.90	608.50	+1.90	3.42
Japan Gth	354.60	379.30	+6.30	...
-do- Acc	374.30	400.30	+6.60	...
Mandarin Acc	96.39	103.10	-0.60	0.70
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	260.50	277.60	-1.00	...
Deposit Inc	100.16	100.16†	+0.06	4.96
Deposit Acc	122.49	122.49†	+0.07	4.96
Euro Gth Acc	275.50	294.80†	+7.60	...
Europa	121.60	131.10	+0.70	...
Intl Gth	170.10	181.40†	+1.40	...
Japan Tracker	79.83	84.58†	+1.85	...
UK Equity Inc	144.60	155.80†	+0.40	4.21
-do- Acc	177.30	191.10†	+0.20	4.21
UK Intl Tracker	140.90	150.80	+0.50	3.21
US Eq Ind Trkr	187.50	198.80	+1.60	1.45
-do- Acc	198.40	210.30	+1.70	1.45
Asian Trader	157.00	170.20†	-3.00	0.46
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	162.00	165.70	+2.00	2.33
European	60.48	61.73	+0.62	1.30
Olympiad	54.31	55.75	+1.01	0.29
Global Bond	46.38	46.89†	+0.03	6.76
Smaller Cos	66.22	69.29†	+1.20	0.91
Equity Income	89.41	91.90†	+1.24	5.30
UK Growth	80.95	83.42	+0.15	2.13
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	45.48	48.51	+0.30	1.01
Australian Acc	285.20	306	-5.60	...
Conscience	62.97	67.20†	-0.29	1.06
-do- Acc	67.96	72.52	+0.05	1.06
European	163.50	174.40	+1.10	1.11
-do- Acc	175.90	187.60	+1.10	1.11
Extra Income	70.78	75.53	-0.16	5.88
-do- Acc	107.80	115	-0.20	5.88
Far East Gth	166.40	177.80	-0.70	0.07
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.46	60.82	+0.29	6.38
Gold	44.50	47.84	-2.63	...
-do- Acc	47.92	51.52	-2.84	...
Income	50.30	53.65†	-1.40	5.24
-do- Acc	154	164.20	-0.80	5.24
International	29.37	31.51	+0.20	1.05
-do- Acc	42.19	45.26	+0.26	1.05
Jap Sm Cos Acc	357.60	381.40	+7.40	...
S pore Mly Acc	182.50	195.70	-0.40	...
Smllr Cos Acc	24.90	26.77†	-0.49	2.05
N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	66.58	70.84	+0.16	2.78
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	73.07	77.33	-0.29	6.71
N&P Higher Inc	193.10	205.50	+1.00	4.53
N&P UK Income	98.16	104.43†	+0.17	3.94
N&P Intl	85.38	90.83†	+0.17	1.60
N&P Smaller Cos	76.20	81.07	+1.66	1.47
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA 071 407 4404				
General	160.10	170.32	+0.72	2.33
Global	278.08	295.84	+1.52	1.14
Growth	105.90	112.66	+0.31	2.55
Income	195.94	208.45	+0.07	4.40
Intl Bond	123.40	131.04	+0.74	6.49
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 508, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	134.50	141.60†	+0.50	2.61
-do- Acc	238.40	250.90	+0.90	2.61
Income	214.00	227.60	+1.00	3.63
Intl Equity	220.60	234.70	+2.70	0.88
-do- Acc	241.50	256.90	+2.90	0.88
Equity	211.30	224.70†	+1.80	2.49
-do- Acc	433.70	461.30	+2.30	2.49
UK Intl 25 Acc	68.12	72.46	+0.38	1.98
UK Income	59.36	63.14	+0.23	3.11
UK Smllr Co Acc	73.42	78.10	+0.72	1.44
New Europe Acc	59.69	63.49	-0.53	1.39
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	91.93	98.33	+0.28	0.20
PEP Gth Inc	99.75	106.69	+0.70	1.31
Intl Gth	484.57	518.26	+6.85	0.83
Income	291.86	312.15	-1.29	3.51
W wide Recov	308.93	330.41	+5.57	0.36
American Gth	204.29	218.50	+5.27	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	184.51	197.34	+2.62	0.08
Far East Gth	220.08	236.32	+2.92	0.12
European Gth	110.87	118.58	+0.98	1.33
UK Growth	74.51	79.70	-0.17	3.05
High Income	81.55	87.22	+0.30	4.54
Japanese Gth	227.08	241.42	+5.46	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443				
International	170.70	181.60	-2.20	0.86
High Income	105.40	112.10†	-1.00	3.77
Conv Gilt	107.30	114.20†	-3.40	6.27
Far East	304.10	323.60	-4.00	0.27
Global Inc Acc	30.40	32.34	-0.01	3.21
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	49.88	53.06	+1.03	0.21
Emerging Mkts	61.18	65.09	-0.69	0.58
General	46.17	49.12†	-0.45	3.27
International	83.42	88.74	+1.01	1.36
Gilt Units	24.98	25.75†	+0.10	7.48
Global PEP	34.56	36.77	+0.14	2.11
Income Gth	63.64	67.70†	+0.11	4.84
European	41.47	44.12	+0.15	0.68
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.17	26.78†	-0.37	5.84
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/69 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314 Pricebank: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst	30.98	33.13	+0.18	1.78
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	101.10	101.10†	+0.08	5.24
-do- Acc	105.22	105.22†	+0.08	5.24
Pru Equity	641.93	686.55†	-0.77	2.52
Pru Equity Inc	76.86	82.20†	-0.08	4.67
Pru European	169.16	180.91†	+1.59	1.43
Pru Global Gth	78.43	83.88	+0.25	1.28
Pru High Inc	83.53	89.33	-0.38	4.94
Pru Intl	160.54	171.70	+1.27	0.99
Pru Intl Sm Co	69.06	73.86	+0.84	0.64
Pru Japanese	208.40	222.88	+5.15	...
Pru Nth Amer	139.03	148.69†	+2.38	0.84
Pru Pacific Mkt	75.49	80.73	-0.28	1.51
Pru Premr Inc	48.51	50.53†	+0.06	7.58
Pru Smllr Cos	81.36	87.01†	+0.32	1.99
Pru Spec Sits	96.51	103.21	-0.07	3.34
Pru UK Grwth	107.50	114.97	-0.07	2.36
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
NC Income	149.48	161.06†	+1.04	3.65
NC Japan	286.03	306.47	+7.13	...
NC Maj UK Cos	90.10	96.84†	-0.85	2.56
NC America Inc	469.05	503.05	+7.53	0.75
-do- Acc	544.81	584.29	+8.75	0.75
NC Smlr UK Cos	264.42	288.05	+3.30	1.51
NC European	249.22	266.02	+2.08	1.40
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	70.36	74.85†	+1.27	3.77
Capital Units	141.90	150.90†	-0.20	1.30
Commodity	105.70	112.40	-1.90	1.16
European Gth	150.30	159.80	-1.60	1.33
Financial Sec	167.40	178.00†	-0.80	1.89
High Return	210.80	224.20	-0.30	4.47
High Yield	200.80	213.60	-0.60	4.09
Income Units	106.40	113.10	...	5.06
Investment	171.70	182.60	-0.10	1.13
Japan Gth	161.20	171.40	+3.40	...
Japan Smaller	197.40	210.00†	+0.70	...
Masterfund	45.90	48.82†	-0.14	1.30
Scotbits	245.20	260.80	+1.50	1.61
Scotshares	253.50	269.60†	+3.10	2.28
Scotyields	218.00	231.90	-0.80	3.99
Select Intl	128.10	136.20	+0.90	0.73
Smaller Cos	227.30	241.80	+2.40	3.98
Special Situation	109.60	116.50†	+0.20	0.83
UK Equity	220.60	234.60	...	2.71
US Growth	135.50	144.10	+1.50	0.39
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD 33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client line: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	232.60	248.00†	+4.45	0.50
-do- Acc	251.98	268.66	+4.82	0.50
Australian	125.04	133.37	-1.17	0.80
-do- Acc	147.00	156.79	-1.38	0.80
UK Enterprise	207.03	220.83	+1.78	2.39
-do- Acc	239.16	255.10	+2.06	2.39
European Gth	59.24	63.00†	+0.07	1.40
-do- Acc	61.53	65.44	-0.29	1.40
Euro Smllr Cos	55.07	58.74†	+0.24	0.38
-do- Acc	55.45	59.14	-0.24	0.38
Far Eastern Gth	72.10	76.90	+1.52	...
-do- Acc	73.26	78.14	+1.54	...
Fixed Interest	52.42	55.27	+0.24	6.77
-do- Acc	63.66	67.12	+0.30	6.77
Gilt Income	101.39	106.84	+0.58	7.51
-do- Acc	141.61	149.22	-0.82	7.51
Income	308.64	329.21	+2.97	4.00
-do- Acc	910.39	971.07	+8.75	4.00
Japan Enterprise	71.82	76.60	+1.51	...
-do- Acc	71.82	76.60	+1.51	...
Japan Smllr Cos	499.43	532.71	+12.53	...
-do- Acc	500.42	533.78	+12.56	...
Pacific Gth	92.57	98.74	+1.28	0.20
-do- Acc	95.32	101.67	+1.32	0.20
Smaller Cos	186.98	199.44†	-2.12	0.93
-do- Acc	216.06	230.46	-0.54	0.93
Tokyo	111.72	119.16	+3.47	...
-do- Acc	112.85	120.36	+3.50	...
UK Equity	205.35	219.03	+1.34	2.68
-do- Acc	380.27	405.63	+2.49	2.68
US Smllr Cos	132.90	141.75†	+3.32	...
-do- Acc	132.90	141.75	+3.32	...
World Fd	69.49	74.12	+0.67	1.59
-do- Acc	73.27	78.15	+0.71	1.59
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	45.95	48.94	+0.28	4.43
Equity Strategy	63.69	67.83	-0.32	1.13
European Opps	70.28	74.85	+0.16	3.22
Maximum Inc	99.07	101.63	+0.08	5.46
UK Smaller Cos	52.21	55.60	+0.66	3.21
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	337.90	360.80	-0.40	2.79
American	237.30	251.80	-1.40	0.93
Pacific	335.60	358.90	-1.80	0.60
European	442.30	473.00	-2.80	1.26
Worldwide	78.77	84.25	+0.23	1.11
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	297.10	316.10†	-0.50	2.62
UK Sm Cos Eqty	206.80	220.10†	-0.80	1.64
European	325.80	346.60	-3.00	1.86
North American	247.00	262.80	+3.70	0.50
Income Plus Inc	64.07	68.16	+0.01	2.66
UK Spec Sits	65.93	70.14	+0.14	2.65
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	25.17	26.94†	+0.14	2.85
Intl Growth Acc	29.15	31.20†	-0.34	1.12
Market Ldrs Acc	25.61	27.41	+0.04	2.97
FOR SGTR TRUSTS SEE HENDERSON				
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226				
European	90.15	...	+0.25	...
Global Bond	95.30	...	+0.14	7.50
Japan Samurai	101.20	...	+2.27	...
UK Growth	96.47	...	+0.83	4.10
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	43.66	46.39	+0.22	1.70
Equity Gth Acc	59.20	62.91	+0.79	1.63
UK Eq General	41.22	43.80	-0.03	2.26
-do- Acc	54.50	57.91	-0.05	2.26
European Acc	40.68	43.23	+0.58	1.25
Far East Acc	56.06	59.57	+0.64	0.10
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	29.77	31.49	-0.04	6.71
N American Acc	42.40	45.05	+0.62	0.75
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	278.80	302.50	+5.00	1.45
UK Eq High Inc	34.54	36.70	+0.04	3.96
-do- Acc	41.02	43.59	+0.05	3.96
UK Lgr Cos Inc	284.40	308.60	...	3.83
UK Lgr Cos Acc	370.30	401.80	...	3.83
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	NZ$3.67	NZ$3.90	+0.03	1.20
US Eq	$2.107	$2.237	-0.01	0.80
Far East Eq	Y245.9	Y261.2	-1.10	...
Japan Eq	Y249.9	Y265.4	+1.10	...
FT Europe	110.80	117.60	+1.40	2.19
FT North Am	$1.734	$1.838	+0.01	1.04
FT Japan	Y244.0	Y259.2	-10.00	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.941	$2.062	-0.01	1.69
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	330.60	352.30	+2.90	0.32
British	918.70	972.00	+0.80	4.25
European	387.90	413.10	+0.10	1.41
Japan	150.30	159.60	+2.30	...
New Pacific	288.00	306.70	-3.20	1.31
Mngd Cash	95.98	95.98	+0.07	5.00
Majority Stg	100.17	101.17	+0.07	4.76
Inv Tst	185.60	196.70	+1.00	1.83
Saints PPP	360.80	379.80	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	709.70	759.00	-0.30	3.28
N America Acc	112.10	119.90	-0.10	0.21
Far East Acc	121.70	130.20	-0.40	...
W wide Bond	59.64	63.36	+0.50	5.30
European	81.81	87.50	-0.08	0.41
Equity Income	79.06	84.56†	-1.69	4.44
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	33.52	35.86	+0.25	0.73
Managed Assets	117.14	125.29	+0.72	3.37
UK Income	35.59	38.07†	-0.43	3.01
UK Growth	35.78	38.27	+0.26	2.41
Worldwide Gth	30.75	32.89†	+0.36	0.38
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	199.30	212.02	+0.05	0.14
-do- Acc	218.90	232.87	+0.05	0.14
British Gth	83.18	88.49	-0.89	1.89
-do- Acc	97.87	104.12	-1.04	1.89
European	94.03	100.03	-0.12	0.86
-do- Acc	99.18	105.51	-0.12	0.86
Extra Inc	180.83	192.37	-1.93	3.91
-do- Acc	288.47	306.88	-3.07	3.91
General Unit	257.47	273.91	-2.02	2.49
-do- Acc	508.04	540.47	-3.99	2.49
Income	311.78	331.68†	+0.27	3.59
-do- Acc	647.90	689.26†	+0.56	3.59
International	477.59	508.07†	-3.58	0.45
-do- Acc	625.21	665.12†	-4.64	0.45
Pacific	340.99	362.75	-1.45	...
-do- Acc	357.11	379.90	-1.52	...
Premier Income	50.04	52.13	+0.10	6.17
-do- Acc	104.32	108.67	+0.20	6.17
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF 071 493 7262 Dealing: 071 493 8545				
European Opps	59.59	63.44	+0.49	0.46
-do- Acc	60.20	64.10	+0.49	0.46
Far East Opps	153.20	163.41	+0.92	...
-do- Acc	156.76	167.21	+0.94	...
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	17.17	18.26	-0.88	0.50
Pacific Basin	30.97	32.94	-0.33	0.60
Canadian Gth	35.43	37.69	-0.29	...
Global Bond	$0.959	$0.999	-0.02	7.27
Penny Share	25	26.59	+1.50	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.79	52.80	+0.04	5.40
Gilt Growth	65.68	68.34	+0.10	...
Gilt Income	51.64	53.74	+0.05	7.75
Short Dtd Gilt	106.60	108.00	+0.20	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.714	$0.723	+0.00	...
Challenger	89.64	91.72	+0.64	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	66.82	71.08	+0.23	2.08

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price ... No significant data.

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FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	6,400	Carlton Cms	697	Legal & Gn	854	Scot & New	1,000
Abbey Natl	2,700	Coats Vly	1,000	Lloyds Bk	3,800	Scot Power	2,500
Alld-Lyons	2,600	Cm Union	1,500	MB Cardn	551	Sears	4,500
Anglian W	356	Courtaulds	1,300	Marks Spr	4,600	Svrn Trent	1,000
Argyll Gp	2,900	De La Rue	1,000	NFC	469	Shell Trans	2,400
Arjo Wiggn	963	Enterpr Oil	664	NatWst Bk	4,100	Siebe	849
AB Foods	572	Fisons	3,200	Nat Power	2,800	SmKl Bch	1,700
BAA	1,200	Forte	8,600	Nth Wst W	2,500	Smith Nph	802
BAT Inds	2,100	GRE	956	Nthrn Fds	1,000	Sthrn Elec	212
BOC	739	GUS A	485	P & O	835	Std Chartd	3,100
BP	3,500	Gen Acc	1,100	Pearson	1,900	Sun Allnce	5,000
BT	7,600	Gen Elec	5,000	PowerGen	446	TI Gp	462
BTR	2,900	Glaxo	4,600	Prudential	2,600	TSB	3,200
Bk of Scot	977	Granada	1,900	RTZ	2,400	Tate & Lyle	852
Barclays	3,100	Grand Met	2,800	Rank Org	1,100	Tesco	4,800
Bass	1,400	Guinness	4,700	Reckitt Col	473	Thames W	1,600
Blue Circle	1,100	HSBC	1,700	Redland	2,600	Thrn EMI	627
Boots	4,400	Hanson	6,300	Reed Intl	1,800	Tomkins	2,500
Bowater	703	ICI	3,700	Rentokil	1,400	Unilever	756
Brit Airwys	2,000	Inchcape	1,800	Reuters	489	Utd Bisc	2,300
Brit Gas	3,500	Kingfisher	3,500	Rothmans	546	Vodafone	6,500
Brit Steel	9,300	Kwik Save	335	Ryl Ins	3,700	Wellcome	2,300
Burmah Cast	674	LASMO	3,600	Ryl Bk Scot	3,800	Whitbd 'A'	1,200
Cable Wire	1,400	Ladbroke	4,700	Sainsbury	1,600	Wlms Hld	1,200
Cadbury	1,300	Land Secs	941	Scot Hydro	171	Zeneca	5,000

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3537.39 (-7.48)
S&P Composite 449.39 (-3.10)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 20882.24 (-193.76)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 7157.49 (+2.20)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 104.7 (same)

Sydney: AO 1741.0 (same)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1637.85 (+8.23)

FT 30 share: 2213.2 (-12.4)

Brussels:
General 6043.22 (-14.61)

Paris: CAC 512.56 (-0.26)

Zurich: SKA Gen 506.7 (+2.3)

London:
FT A All-Share 1400.30 (-9.02)
FT 500 1519.90 (-11.72)
FT Gold Mines 192.2 (+4.8)
FT Fixed Interest 111.71 (+0.16)
FT Govt Secs 95.18 (+0.07)
Bargains 32400
SEAQ Volume 625.6m
USM (Datastrm) 138.63 (-0.01)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
June 1	June 11	September 2	September 13

Call options were taken out on 4/6/93: Avesco, Bridon, Channel Holdings, Cluff Resources, Dares 7¾% conv pref, Fairhaven, Ferranti, Greycoat, Haemocell, Regina, Villiers.

Puts: ASDA, Haemocell. Puts & Calls: Millwall, St James Place.

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Lyon	500	35	50	58	8½	18	25
(*520)	550	11	24	33	37	43	50
Argyll	330	18½	29	34	13	20	25
(*340½)	360	6	16	21½	33	38	43
ASDA	67	6	8½	-	4	7½	-
(*68½)	76	2½	4½	-	10½	13	-
Boots	420	30	44½	49	8½	16½	23½
(*435)	460	9½	24	30½	30	37	44
Br Airways	287	19½	30½	35½	8	16	21
(*296)	316	6	17	22	26½	32	36½
BP	300	19	26½	32½	8½	16	20½
(*307½)	330	6	14	19½	26½	32½	36½
Br Steel	100	8	12	16	6½	9½	11
(*101½)	110	4	8	12	13	15	18
C & W	750	18½	38	52½	39½	51½	60½
(*733½)	800	5½	21½	33	77½	86½	92½
CU	532	67	75	-	3½	13½	-
(*588)	580	30½	43½	-	16½	32½	-
ICI	681	34	47	60	19	36	45
(*690)	750	7	19½	30	64½	81	87
Kingfishr	584	29	41	-	18	31	-
(*596)	632	9½	22	-	48	58	-
Land Sec	550	39	52	60	6	12½	17
(*576)	600	11	24	31	30	36	41
M & S	330	17	26½	33	9	15½	19½
(*336)	360	5	13½	19½	29	32½	35½
Nat West	460	28	38	50	14½	27½	33
(*466)	500	10½	21	32	38½	51	56
Sainsbury	460	38	51	59	7½	16	22
(*495)	500	15	29	38	26	35	41
Shell	600	21½	32	42	15½	28	33
(*603)	650	5	12	22½	40½	50½	62½
Smkl Bch	460	24½	39½	51½	20	31½	40
(*453½)	500	8½	23½	34½	46½	56	64
Storehse	200	14	21	26	9	15	19
(*203½)	220	6	13	17	22	27	32
Trafalgar	101	12	18	-	4	7	-
(*110)	110	7½	14	15	7	11½	14
Unilever	1000	47½	73½	88½	16½	30	37
(*1016½)	1050	20½	45	60	43½	53½	63½
Zeneca	600	43	57	72½	15½	36	46
(*620½)	650	17½	33½	50	43½	65	73½

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Feb	Puts Jul	Oct	Feb
Grnd Met	390	27	35½	45	10	16	28½
(*400½)	420	11	24	32	28	34½	44½
Ladbroke	180	16½	24	25½	8	17	21½
(*186)	200	7	14½	19½	19½	29	33
Utd Bisc	360	41	49½	56½	9	15	23½
(*382½)	390	23½	33½	40	22½	29½	37½

Series		Calls Aug	Nov	Jan	Puts Aug	Nov	Jan
BAA	750	33½	55	60	22½	31½	37½
(*764½)	800	12½	31	37	54	60½	65½
Thames W	460	29	39	43	10½	18	21½
(*492½)	500	9	18½	22½	32	39	42½

Series		Calls Aug	Nov	Feb	Puts Aug	Nov	Feb
BAT Ind	425	23½	32	42	16½	29	32½
(*426½)	450	12	22	30	31½	45½	48½
BTR	600	24	36	47	17½	29½	34
(*601)	650	5½	16½	25	51	59½	62½
Br Aero	360	36½	52	61	26	39	47
(*370)	390	24	37½	47	43	55½	63
Br Telcm	390	32	36	39½	7½	16	21
(*407½)	420	14½	19½	25	20	31½	37½
Cadbury	420	36½	47	56	8	16	21
(*445)	460	14	26	35	27½	36	40½
Guinness	460	31	43	56	15½	26	31½
(*463½)	500	12	26	36½	39	49	53½
GEC	300	27½	31½	35½	6½	10	13
(*321½)	330	8	16	20½	22	25½	28½
Hanson	220	17½	22½	25½	4½	9	12½
(*230)	240	7	12½	16	14½	19½	22½
LASMO	160	13	20½	26	13	19½	23
(*157½)	180	5	13	19	26½	32½	36
Lucas	130	14	18½	21½	8	15	18
(*133½)	140	9	13½	17	14	21½	23½
Pilkington	130	10	16	19	8	12½	17
(*134)	140	5½	11½	15	15	18	23
Prudential	300	25½	32	37½	5½	12½	15
(*315)	330	8½	16½	23	21	28	31
Redland	460	43	56	63½	11	26½	31½
(*483½)	500	21	35½	44	30	46½	51½
Royal Ins	260	29½	38½	45	5½	12	15
(*289)	288	17½	27	34½	13½	20½	24
Tesco	220	12	19	25	12	18	21
(*217)	240	5	11	17	25	30	33
Vodafone	420	41	59½	66½	8	17½	21½
(*456)	460	19	36	45	25	36	38½
Williams	300	19½	27½	34	10½	18½	22½
(*306)	330	7	14	21	29	37½	40½

FT-SE INDEX (*2831½)

	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950	3000
Calls						
Jun	91	53	21	6	2	1½
Jul	114	78	47	29	14	7½
Aug	141	103	74	52	25	23
Sep	153	123	91	66	51	33
Dec	-	172	-	118	-	76
Puts						
Jun	6	16	38	76	126	177
Jul	19	36	53	89	131	178
Aug	35	55	75	105	143	185
Sep	50	68	90	119	151	190
Dec	-	99	-	146	-	208

Series		Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
Abby Nat	390	17½	30	41	3½	15	21
(*404)	420	3	15	26	20½	32	37
Amstrad	30	5	8	9	1	2½	3½
(*34½)	35	2	4½	6½	2½	5	6
Barclays	460	7	24½	36½	13½	29	35
(*456½)	500	1	11	21	48	57	61
Blue Circ	240	13	25	31	2½	13	19
(*248)	260	4	16	20	13	22	30
Br Gas	280	10½	21	25½	2½	8½	15½
(*288½)	300	2	10½	15½	14	19½	26½
	330	1	3	6½	43	43	48
Dixons	200	15	24	31	2½	14	19
(*210)	220	3	14	22	14	25	30
Forte	200	7	19	26	2½	11½	18
(*207)	220	2	10	17	17	24	29½
Glaxo	550	51	75½	84	2½	21	35
(*590½)	600	14	46	58	17½	41½	62
	650	2½	25½	38	56½	72	94
HSBC	600	30	57	74	5	28	41
(*621½)	650	5½	33	50	35	55	65
Hillsdwn	140	10½	18	23	3	8	13
(*147½)	160	1½	8½	13½	14½	19½	24½
Lonrho	110	9½	15½	20	1½	8½	12
(*116½)	120	3½	11	16	6½	14½	18
Reuter	1350	35	92½	136	14½	60	82
(*1368½)	1400	11	65½	110	42½	86½	106
R-Royce	140	5½	14	18	5	10½	16½
(*140)	160	1	6	10½	20½	24	29
Sears	90	9½	12½	15	1	3	6
(*98)	100	2	7	9½	3	7½	10
Tarmac	130	7	15	19	3	8½	14
(*134)	140	2½	10½	14	8½	14½	19½
Thrn Emi	850	26	47½	61	7	38½	46
(*865½)	900	4	23	38	37	71	76
Tomkins	220	10½	18	24½	2½	11½	15
(*226)	240	2	8½	17	15	23½	26½
TSB	180	7	14½	19½	4	12	15½
(*184)	200	1	6	11½	18	25½	28
Wellcome	750	25½	61½	86	14½	42½	65
(*760)	800	6½	39	61	47	69½	94

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Dec	Puts Jul	Oct	Dec
Fisons	160	13½	20	24	11½	18½	22½
(*159½)	180	6	14	16	25	31½	33

Series		Calls Aug	Nov	Feb	Puts Aug	Nov	Feb
Eastrn Elc	460	17	24½	32½	26	33	38
(*461)	500	4	12	18	57	59½	63½

Series		Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
Natl Pwr	330	15	27½	36½	2½	12	15½
(*344)	360	1½	13½	22	21	27	31
Scot Pwr	310	6½	14½	20	5	16½	19½
(*312)	330	1	6	11½	20	30½	32½

June 4, 1993 Tot: 28708 Calls: 17869 Puts: 10839 FT-SE Calls: 4375 Puts: 4352

*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Jun 93	2856.0	2863.0	2825.0	2830.0	12853
Previous open interest: 48240	Sep 93	2877.0	2884.0	2848.0	2849.5	3908
Three Month Sterling	Jun 93	94.09	94.13	94.07	94.07	8459
Previous open interest: 328293	Sep 93	94.31	94.34	94.25	94.26	22059
	Dec 93	94.30	94.36	94.27	94.29	9025
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 93	96.67	96.67	96.58	96.58	158
Previous open interest: 18960	Sep 93	96.49	96.49	96.36	96.31	730
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 93	92.50	92.50	92.43	92.43	11486
Previous open interest: 602144	Sep 93	93.30	93.32	93.21	93.21	42191
Long Gilt	Jun 93	104-25	104-25	104-13	104-16	2390
Previous open interest: 70805	Sep 93	103-25	103-28	103-12	103-17	20234
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 93	108.30	108.30	107.95	107.98	131
	Sep 93	107.40	107.53	107.05	107.13	3841
German Gov Bd Bund	Jun 93	94.05	94.12	93.66	93.69	39035
Previous open interest: 165433	Sep 93	94.37	94.44	94.02	94.05	61825
German Gov Bd Bobl	Jun 93	98.42	98.43	98.05	98.13	8566
Previous open interest: 21569	Sep 93	98.82	98.83	98.50	98.54	5593
Three month ECU	Jun 93	92.41	92.42	92.35	92.37	492
Previous open interest: 26277	Sep 93	93.13	93.14	93.05	93.07	694
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 93	94.91	94.92	94.90	94.88	1788
Previous open interest: 41525	Sep 93	95.28	95.29	95.25	95.26	2213
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 93	99.70	99.70	99.50	99.48	2980
Previous open interest: 43409	Sep 93	99.70	99.74	99.52	99.64	6553

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Sugar soared on the news that Cuba had declared Force Majeure on sugar shipments effectively giving the world's largest exporter 45 days grace to sort out its sales policy for the 1992/93 harvest. The rise was more of a shock than the declaration which was inevitable after the Caribbean nation announced its smallest crop since the 1960's - but it was surprising that Russia was included in the declaration.

LONDON FOX

COCOA

Jul	663-662	Sep	762-760
Sep	678-677	Dec	784-782
Dec	697-696	Mar	805 SLR
Mar	719-717	May	822-815
May	733-732		
Jul	748-747		Volume: 4229

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	912-909	Mar	941-935
Sep	921-919	May	954-940
Nov	926-925	Jul	unq
Jan	931-929		Volume: 2136

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	unq
Spot: unq		Mar	-
May	unq	May	-
Aug	-	Aug	-
Oct	-		Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	288.0-85.0
Spot: 281.0		May	292.0-88.5
Aug	285.5-84.5	Aug	299.0-94.6
Oct	284.5-83.0	Oct	293.9-87.1
Dec	287.5-84.7		Volume: 1113

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on June 4

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	88.89	125.95	143.62
(+/-)	-0.71	-3.63	+0.95
Eng/Wales:	88.89	125.63	143.87
(+/-)	-0.71	-3.66	+1.20
(%)	-66.4	+55.5	+34.3
Scotland:	n/a	130.86	142.60
(+/-)	n/a	-2.99	-0.10
(%)	n/a	+47.3	-0.2

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (Pig)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Jun	115.5	116.0	Aug	unq	unq
Jul	107.1	107.1		Volume: 60	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Jun	133.85
Sep	107.00
Nov	109.00
Jan	111.85
Mar	114.40
	Volume: 183

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	105.30
Nov	108.50
Jan	110.50
Mar	112.50
May	113.30
	Volume: 7

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Jun	146.80
Aug	146.00
Oct	147.00
Dec	147.80
Feb	138.00
	Volume: 25

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	50.0
Apr	100.0	98.8
May	unq	104.0
		Volume: 11

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kilo)
Jul 58.75-59.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): The market was calm ahead of next week's Opec meeting in Geneva.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.25	+0.05
Brent 15 day (Jun)	18.30	(n/c)
Brent 15 day (Jul)	18.35	(n/c)
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	19.80	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	20.00	(n/c)

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	208 (-1)	210 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	170 (-1)	171 (-2)
Non EEC 1H Jun	170 (-1)	171 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Jul	171 (-1)	172 (-2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	64 (-1)	66 (-1)
Naphtha	181 (n/c)	182 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Jun	169.75-70.00	Sep	174.25-74.50
Jul	170.50-70.75	Oct	177.50-77.75
Aug	171.75-72.00	Nov	179.75-80.00
			Vol: 9220

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jul	18.36-18.38	Oct	18.75-18.77
Aug	18.51-18.52	Nov	18.82-18.84
Sep	18.63-18.66		Vol: 18967

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Jun	195.50-95.75	Sep	unq
Jul	195.75-96.25	Oct	unq
Aug	194.75-97.75		Vol: 146

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jun 93	1453	1430	1430
Jul 93	1345	1315	1315
Aug 93	1345	1310	1310
Oct 93	1430	1400	1400

Vol: 102 lots. Open int'st: 3167 Index 1597 -12

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1258.0-1258.5	1262.0-1263.0	1663825
Lead (£/tonne)	262.50-263.00	271.75-272.00	54625
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	947.00-948.00	965.50-966.50	270750
Tin ($/tonne)	5262.0-5263.0	5310.0-5315.0	11240
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1140.5-1141.0	1163.5-1164.0	917800
Nickel ($/tonne)	5740.0-5743.0	5802.0-5803.0	35352

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 79.4 (day's range 79.4-79.6).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for June 4	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7592-2.7721	2.7592-2.7626	¼-⅛ds	⅝-⅞ds
Brussels	50.53-50.74	50.53-50.61	3-8ds	13-17ds
Copenhagen	9.3570-9.4620	9.3570-9.3790	2⅜-3⅜ds	6⅛-7⅞ds
Dublin	1.0085-1.0129	1.0085-1.0106	17-13pr	29-39ds
Frankfurt	2.4585-2.4719	2.4585-2.4617	⅜-⅛ds	1-1¼ds
Lisbon	235.29-237.47	235.29-235.76	160-172ds	459-501ds
Madrid	191.31-193.96	191.31-191.60	86-104ds	251-277ds
Milan	2248.10-2257.90	2248.10-2254.20	8-10ds	26-28ds
Montreal	1.9412-1.9743	1.9412-1.9434	0.23-0.13pr	0.45-0.26pr
New York	1.5190-1.5435	1.5190-1.5200	0.36-0.35pr	1.00-0.98pr
Oslo	10.3830-10.4730	10.4200-10.4430	⅝-1¾ds	3⅛-4⅞ds
Paris	8.2890-8.3240	8.2890-8.3030	1¼-1⅝ds	3½-4ds
Stockholm	11.0220-11.1250	11.0430-11.0660	1⅝-3ds	5¾-7½ds
Tokyo	163.44-165.11	163.44-163.63	½-⅜pr	1⅛-1pr
Vienna	17.28-17.38	17.28-17.33	1⅜-2⅜ds	3⅜-5½ds
Zurich	2.2000-2.2174	2.2143-2.2174	¼pr-par	½-¼pr

Source: Extel — *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5282-1.5308
Australia dollar	2.2589-2.2622
Bahrain dinar	0.576-0.588
Brazil cruzeiro *	67136.4-67224.6
Cyprus pound	0.73-0.74
Finland marka	8.2895-8.4055
Greece drachma	332.0-339.0
Hong Kong dollar	11.8184-11.8278
India rupee	48.08-49.04
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4595-0.4695
Malaysia ringgit	3.9099-3.9156
Mexico peso	4.78-4.88
New Zealand dollar	2.8346-2.8419
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.727-5.853
Singapore dollar	2.461-2.465
S Africa rand (fin)	6.9875-7.0379
S Africa rand (com)	4.8548-4.8611
U A E dirham	5.608-5.732

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4792-1.4803
Austria	11.31-11.33
Belgium (Com)	33.15-33.17
Canada	1.2785-1.2790
Denmark	6.105-6.115
France	5.435-5.440
Germany	1.614-1.615
Hong Kong	7.7245-7.7255
Ireland	1.5155-1.5175
Italy	1468.0-1471.0
Japan	107.38-107.43
Malaysia	2.5555-2.5575
Netherlands	1.810-1.811
Norway	6.77-6.78
Portugal	154.33-154.53
Singapore	1.6105-1.6125
Spain	125.5-125.8
Sweden	7.19-7.20
Switzerland	1.4415-1.4430

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6 Low 5¼ Week fixed: 5¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅝; 3 mth 5½. Sell: 2 mth 5 9/16; 3 mth: 5 9/16.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5 11/16-5⅝	5 21/32-5 19/32	5 21/32-5 19/32	5 11/16-5⅝	
Sterling Money Rates:	5 13/16-5 11/16	5¾-5 11/16	5¾-5 11/16	5¾-5 11/16	5 13/16-5 11/16
Interbank:	5 13/16-5 11/16	5¾-5 11/16	5¾-5 11/16	5¾-5 11/16	5 13/16-5 11/16

Overnight: open 5¾, close 5.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5 11/16	n/a	5 11/16	5¾	5⅞
Sterling CDs:	5¾-5 11/16	5 23/32-5 21/32	5 11/16-5⅝	5 23/32-5 21/32	5 13/16-5¾
Dollar CDs:	3.21-3.18	n/a	3.31-3.28	3.45-3.42	3.87-3.84
Building Society CDs:	5 13/16-5 11/16	5¾-5 11/16	5¾-5 11/16	5¾-5 11/16	5 13/16-5 11/16

TREASURY BILLS: Applicts: £409m allotted: £100m: Bids: £98.70% received: 90%; Last week: £98.69% received: 99%: Avge rate: £5.2123% last wk £5.2534%: Next week: £100m.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3 1/16-2 15/16	3⅛-2 15/16	3 3/16-3 1/16	3⅜-3 5/16	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	7¾-7⅝	7 13/16-7 11/16	7⅝-7½	7½-7⅜	8¼-7¼
French Franc:	8¼-7¾	7 13/16-7 11/16	7⅝-7½	7½-7⅜	8⅛-7⅞
Swiss Franc:	5¼-5	5¼-4⅞	5⅛-5	5-4⅞	5¼-4½
Yen:	3¼-3	3 5/16-3 3/16	3 5/16-3 3/16	3¼-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $374.00-374.40 Close: $376.00-376.75 High: $377.50-378.00 Low: $373.00-373.50 Krugerrand: $375.50-377.50 (£244.50-246.50)

Sovereigns: Old $89.50-92.50 (£56.50-58.50) New $89.50-92.50 (£56.50-58.50)

Platinum: $390.75 (£255.30) Silver: $4.44 (£2.91) Palladium: $123.75 (£80.85)

SPORT IN BRIEF

Popov aims to beat world swim record

ALEKSANDR Popov, the Olympic swimming champion from Russia, will attempt to break the world 100 metres freestyle record in Monte Carlo today. In Canet-en-Roussillon last weekend, Popov set a European record of 48.93sec and became the second man in history to swim faster than 49 seconds. He said then that he would not make another attempt on the world record of Matt Biondi, 48.42sec, again this weekend; however, his entry at Monaco indicates a change of heart. Should he take to the blocks, he will not expect to be racing only the clock this time. Gustavo Borges, of Brazil, who finished second to him at the Olympics, and Raymondas Majolis, of Lithuania, who holds the fastest long-course 50 metres time in the world this year, will make sure that the Russian is pressed to the wall.

The French swimming authorities are critical of Monaco's ambitions, asserting that it has no audience and no knowledge of swimming, but the Monte Carlo international, now in its eleventh year, attracts a growing number of high level competitors each time.

Boardman tries again

CYCLING: Chris Boardman, the Olympic champion who set a British 25-mile time trial record of 45min 57sec on Sunday, tries for his fifth successive national championship at the distance tomorrow. Only one rider, Alf Engers, has previously had an unbeaten run of titles, between 1972 and 1976. Graeme Obree, the Scot who designs and makes his own racing bikes, was another record-breaker last weekend when he set a distance of 49.383 kilometres (30.7 miles) for the British one hour. As in last year's championship, he could prove the main challenge to Boardman. The championship event starts at Redruth at 7am.

Eddy Bouwmans, of Holland, beat Laurent Dufaux, of Switzerland, and Bo-Andre Namdvedt, of Norway, to win the fourth stage of the Criterium du Dauphine Libere.

Nye loses place

CRICKET: Lisa Nye, the Middlesex wicket-keeper who set a world record of eight dismissals against New Zealand last year, has been dropped from the England team to play in the women's World Cup. Nye and Sue Metcalfe, of Yorkshire, are the only players from the training squad omitted from the side that toured New Zealand and Australia.

WORLD CUP PARTY: K Smithies* (East Midlands), J Chamberlain (East Midlands), J Smit† (East Midlands), W Watson (East Midlands), G Smith (Middlesex), J Brittin (Surrey), B Daniels (West Midlands), J Godman (Thames Valley), D Stock (Thames Valley), D Maybury (Yorkshire), H Plimmer (Yorkshire), C Taylor (Yorkshire), S Kitson (East Anglia), C Hodges (Lancs & Cheshire).

Canadiens level series

ICE HOCKEY: Eric Desjardins completed a hat-trick with a goal 51 seconds into overtime to lead the Montreal Canadiens past the Los Angeles Kings 4-3 on Thursday and level the best-of-seven Stanley Cup final series at one game apiece. Desjardins had levelled the scores on a power play with 1min 13sec left in regulation after Jacques Demers, the Montreal coach, successfully challenged the specifications of Marty McSorley's stick. The winning goal came when Desjardins took a Benoit Brunet pass from behind the net in the lower right circle and shot between Kelly Hrudey's legs.

Gold challenge off

ROWING: The Docklands Regatta in London, which starts today, has attracted more than 500 crews, including the GB Under-23 squad, but there was a last-minute disappointment yesterday when a challenge race between the Olympic gold medal-winners, Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent, and the Searle brothers was cancelled because Jonny Searle is injured. The event is largely devoid of junior crews, enjoying a rest after the schools regatta, but there is a strong open women's entry. A Berlin crew in Senior 1 and Senior 2 eights adds an international flavour.

Konyshev strikes again

CYCLING: Dimitri Konyshev, of Russia, won his second stage of the Giro d'Italia in Asiago yesterday as the race leaders took a watching brief. Konyshev sprinted home at the end of the 146-mile twelfth stage between Dozza and Asiago, edging out Maurizio Fondriest, of Italy. The race leader, Bruno Leali, kept of the pink jersey but was tracked by Miguel Indurain, of Spain, the pair finishing together around 44 seconds behind the stage winner. Claudio Chiappucci almost gave Italian supporters something to cheer but he failed in a late attack.

Monaco chase Scifo

FOOTBALL: Enzo Scifo, the captain of the Belgian World Cup team, is on the verge of leaving Torino, the Italian club, to play for AS Monaco in the French league next season. Monaco, again runners-up to Marseilles, are ready to pay the fee of about £4 million. It had been expected that Scifo, a talented midfield player, would remain in Italy, but his club would not allow a transfer to neighbours and rivals Juventus and when it seemed a move to Parma, the holders of the European Cup-Winners's Cup, was in the offing, talks broke down. That opened the door for a bid from Monaco, still trying to match the challenge of Marseilles, the European champions, in France. Scifo said: "I think there is a 75 per cent chance of going to Monaco now, he said.I have agreed personal terms, and it's up to the clubs to come to an agreement."

Pointer to cup team

GOLF: The Walker Cup candidates who tee-up today in the St Andrews Links Trophy might have noted that in the past two cup years the first three home have gone on to win Great Britain and Ireland selection. In 1989, Russell Claydon won from Jim Milligan and Andrew Hare. They appeared at Peachtree. Two years later Ricky Willison headed an English threesome, with Gary Evans and Jim Payne in close order. They went on to play at Portmarnock. In contrast, last year's winner, Craig Watson, of East Renfrewshire, cannot make the Scotland team at present.

Rematch in Seville

ATHLETICS: Khalid Skah, of Morocco, takes on Richard Chelimo, of Kenya, in the 10,000 metres, highlight of the Seville grand prix meeting today. It is their first confrontation since the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, where the Moroccan gained a controversial victory over Chelimo. He will receive a cool reception from the Spanish crowd, who booed him when he received his Olympic gold medal. Spectators were furious when Skah's compatriot, Hammou Boutayeb, appeared to obstruct Chelimo in Barcelona, allowing Skah to take gold.

Goram recuperating

FOOTBALL: Andy Goram, the Rangers and Scotland goalkeeper, will not play again in 1993. He has undergone surgery in Los Angeles to replace the interior cruciate ligament of his left knee, which will keep him inactive until January. Goram had been due to undergo a minor tidying-up operation on both kneecaps that would have taken a couple of weeks to heal but when the surgeons went inside the knee they decided the more serious ligament operation was necessary. Ally Maxwell, who deputised for Goram last season, will get the chance to establish himself.



HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Eagle-eyed: a rejuvenated Sandy Lyle chips in for an eagle three on the 13th at Woburn yesterday in the Dunhill British Masters. Lyle returned a round of 65

Crash sends Faldo for driving lesson

BY JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

HANDICAP golfers often take a nine. This is what their handicap is for, to help them on such occasions. But the best player in the world does not run up a four-over-par score on one hole. Not the man who has hit millions of practice strokes in his 17 years as a pro and won five major championships. Most of all, not on a day when there is scarcely a breath of wind and the course he is playing on is at its most benign.

Yesterday, though, the unimaginable happened. Nick Faldo had to struggle to avoid going into double figures on one hole. He stood on the 18th tee at Woburn seven under par for the 35 holes he had played in the Dunhill British Masters. In his hand was his wooden-headed driver. He placed his ball, a Rextar 11 with Faldo printed in black letters on it, on its tee and, like any weekend golfer, whistled it out of bounds left, the ball described an ugly low arc. "Godfathers!" shouted Faldo as he gesticulated to Fanny Sunesson, his caddie, for another ball.

Then he did it again. Same club, same number of ball, same swing, same result. A silence fell over the crowd. One had the urge to avert one's eyes. Joakim Haeggman, the Spanish Open champion and one of Faldo's playing partners, watched with a mixture of surprise and horror.

Haeggman's drive had started down the left side of the narrow funnel-like fairway and faded back obediently. Faldo was trying to do the same. Instead he came over the ball in spectacular fashion and smothered it.

"At 170 yards you could see the drives were goners," Haeggman said. "It's amazing how straight he misses the ball. You think it's a lot but it's only 15 or 25 feet wide of the flag. He didn't miss anything for 35 holes. He saved par on the 15th with a great shot. Then he does that. I feel sorry for him. To take a nine at the 36th hole means he can't win now."

Faldo's third drive, still with his driver, incidentally, flew straight and true but his next stroke, his sixth, ended in a greenside bunker. From there he blasted out and two-putted from 12 feet for a nine. Now he was only three under par and it was all over for him. A round that had started with such promise when he birdied his first three holes had ended in ignominy. He signed his card and then said to an official: "I'm off to practise."

The lead was taken by Peter Baker. Actually he did not take it so much as grab it, in a masterly fashion, with a round that equalled the course record of 64. Baker, who is 25, played beautifully and is 13 under par. He was well rewarded for



Baker: course record

SCORES

SECOND ROUND LEADERS (GB and Ire unless stated): 131: P Baker, 67, 64. 134: R Rafferty, 68, 66; D Feherty, 66, 68. 135: A Lyle, 70, 65; C Mason, 68, 67; J Parnevik (Swe), 69, 66; J Haeggman (Swe), 68, 67; M James, 70, 65. 136: S Torrance, 69, 67; R Boxall, 67, 69. 137: B Langer (Ger), 70, 67; J van de Velde (Fr), 68, 71. 138: J Sewell, 70, 68; D Cooper, 68, 70; A Binaghi (It), 69, 70; I Palmer (SA), 67, 71; C Rocca (It), 70, 68; J Townsend (US), 71, 67; J Payne, 68, 70. 139: A Sherborne, 72, 67; C Montgomerie, 70, 69; E Els (SA), 68, 71; M Roe, 66, 73; C O'Connor Jr, 70, 69; J M Canizares (Spa), 68, 71; R Chapman, 70, 69. 140: P Curry, 73, 67; G Levenson (SA), 70, 70; M Gates, 70, 70; M Lanner (Swe), 70, 70; M Sunesson (Swe), 70, 70; A Johnstone (Zimb), 70, 70; P Mitchell, 71, 69; E Darcy, 72, 68; S Grappasonni (Italy), 70, 70; J-M Carriles (Spain), 71, 69; G Brand Jr, 69, 71; P Lawrie, 73, 67.

His own involvement in sports marketing was a conscious decision, mindful of rugby's place in the business market and his own role within the game. "When I joined Carnegie, I was 29 and very keen to develop a platform for myself so that, once rugby was over, I wasn't just starting again," he said. "It was important to me to reach a stage in my last two or three years of playing that enabled me to go into the business at middle-management level or even higher.

"You're able to achieve that in sports marketing simply because of using your name to speak with managing directors and chief executives who have an interest in rugby. At the same time, you are well aware of what companies are seeking in return for their investment."

The leading players today know, possibly better that their governing bodies, what is available. Whatever commercial revenue derives from this tour will go to the four home unions — with a proportion going to the New Zealand Rugby Football Union in their host capacity. If the Lions are to have a commercial as well as a playing future, though, the home unions will have to adopt their own business advisors. Whether Hastings, now 31, could enjoy a new role with the Lions in 1997 is perhaps more than idle speculation.

The Lions were due to play against Otago in Dunedin earlier today with Ian McGeechan, the coach, concerned over the fitness of Tony Underwood, who did not train yesterday because of a bruised foot, Rob Andrew, Richard Webster and Ben Clarke. But they are expected to be fit for selection against Southland in Invercargill on Tuesday.

an agonising spell when it all went wrong.

The world seemed to be at his feet when he defeated Faldo in a play-off for the Benson and Hedges International Open in 1988. Then, as golf has a habit of doing, it suddenly became a very difficult game. He spent hours practising — to little avail. The worst came when he recorded four successive 81s.

Not until last year, when he was edged into second place in the Scandinavian Masters (by Faldo), did he regain his form and confidence.

Just one stroke tells us everything about Baker's play. He hit a five-wood 230 yards, which is a beefy hit, and it ended four feet from the hole, which is pretty accurate. He also made it bend ten yards from left to right in the air.

His putting was pretty good, too. "I wish I could putt like him," Magnus Sunesson, Baker's playing partner, said.

"He has got such self-confidence. You can't do as I do, and stand there doubting everything."

Ronan Rafferty is three strokes behind Baker on ten under par after a 66. So, too, is David Feherty, who had a 68. Mark James, 65, Jasper Parnevik, 66, Carl Mason, 67, Haeggman, 67, and Sandy Lyle, 65, are all nine under.

Tony Jacklin had 12 pars in a row, only to drive out of bounds on the 13th and three-putt for an eight. His 76 for a 36-hole total of one under par was just good enough to beat the cut.

Lyle eagled the tenth with two massive blows — a three-wood from the tee and a three-iron that travelled 230 yards and ended 15 feet from the flag. The 13th, a mere 565 yards, was covered with two three-woods, and the lily was gilded when he chipped in from a bunker.

Lyle was delighted with the way he is playing. "It's a pleasure to walk the fairways again," he said. Nick Faldo will know what he meant.

Lions hungry to exploit open market



David Hands, in Dunedin, reports on how British Isles rugby tours now present commercial openings

Life with the Lions has traditionally depended on the character of the players themselves, the sometimes potent, sometimes impotent, mixture of the United Kingdom and Ireland. The 1955, 1959 and 1971 tours are remembered for that individual playing style heavily influenced by Wales and Ireland, while the 1974, 1977 and 1989 Lions possessed a harder edge that caught their hosts on the hop.

The 1993 Lions have something of both playing characteristics, yet there is a third element not previously seen. Since the 1989 tour of Australia, commercial aspects of rugby union have changed drastically. These are the first Lions to be marketed professionally, both as sporting tourists and as collective advertisements for companies.

Before the Lions arrived in New Zealand, the four home unions committee agreed with Carnegie Sports Marketing (CSM) a series of promotional packages around the tour. The Datchet-based company is an offshoot of the Carnegie Partnership, for whom Gavin Hastings, the Lions captain, works in Edinburgh and whom he will be joining full-time when the tour is over. They also have a 30 per cent holding in Harvard Sports Marketing, which is based in Auckland and employs Grant Fox, the New Zealand stand-off half.

The common factor to CSM and Harvard is Lindsay Singleton, a New Zealander who ran the latter and is now managing director of the former. Singleton advised the home unions on the amendment of, and registration of, the Lions logo and CSM then arranged licences for companies wishing to use the logo. They have linked packages for sponsors wishing to identify themselves with the present tour and can offer long-term corporate opportunities to firms traditionally associated with rugby.

"It's a matter of integrating all aspects, signage, hospitality, use of the logo," Singleton said. "But our contract is with the governing body, not the players. The administration can work closely with the players and achieve mutual objectives. There are significant costs involved in getting the tour together and I believe the revenue we generate will assist in those costs."

Hastings regrets that, since 1989, no mechanism has been put in place to cope with the changed commercial climate. "I would hope that situation will be taken care of in four years' time when the Lions are due to tour South Africa," he said. "One obvious change is that we now have a manufacturer's logo on the Lions jersey. Unquestionably, that would not have been granted in 1989 but that company now has the opportunity to exploit the connection.

"First and foremost, we arrived here to play rugby," he said. "We will, if we're successful, presumably have real commercial opportunities, so we're not missing the boat necessarily." But Hastings is aware that certain business decisions need to be made if the Lions boat is to come in.

Llewellyn expects landmark victory

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN WINDHOEK

GARETH Llewellyn, the Wales captain, hopes to become the first man for five years to lead his country to three successive wins in today's game against Namibia here.

The penultimate match of this sixth-game African tour was always going to be the hardest for Wales, who have twice beaten Zimbabwe. Victory today would match the three wins of Bleddyn Bowen's 1988 side which won the triple crown.

"We know that they are a very big and physical team and it is going to be the toughest test of our tour," Llewellyn said yesterday. "If we play to our potential, and don't try too hard, then I think we should win, and win well, but I'm not sure what to expect. My brother, Glyn, was here in 1990 and had a full can of beer thrown at him at a line-out."

Neil Jenkins, at stand-off, will be looking to add to the 60 points he has scored so far on tour. Having scored 87 in 14 internationals he needs only four more to overtake the great Barry John.

NAMIBIA: J Coetzee; G Mans (captain), H Snyman, M Matao, E Moyer, M Booysen, B Bustendag, C Derks, S Smith, A van Wyk, J Bernard, D Cobzo, B Maigas, H Brink, K Gootson.
WALES: M Rayner (Cardiff); S Hill (Cardiff), R Bidgood (Newport), N Boobyer (Llanelli), W Proctor (Llanelli); N Jenkins (Pontypridd), R Moon (Llanelli); M Griffiths (Cardiff), A Lamerton (Llanelli), H Williams-Jones (South Wales Police), S Davies (Swansea), P Davies (Llanelli), G Llewellyn (Neath, captain), E Lewis (Llanelli), L Jones (Llanelli).
Referee: K McCartney (Scotland).

England need to let Oti off leash against Canada

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN OTTAWA

IF ENGLAND are to square the two-match series with Canada today in Ottawa they will have to be mentally and physically better equipped than they were in the first international in Vancouver.

Their fluid game plan lasted barely five minutes in that first match and they were running for cover after a big tackle put Buzza out of the tour.

Mike Slemen, the touring team's coach, was candid about their failings. "We kicked badly, we didn't get the necessary field position and we took a lot of wrong options," he said.

England did not just kick badly, they kicked far too much, as Peter Rossborough, the manager, said afterwards. One perfectly valid scheme was to let Chris Oti, the wing, run at Julian Loveday, who is inexperienced and scarcely 12 stone. As Rossborough said: "Oti did not touch the ball in the whole of the first half."

With the exception of the one enforced change, Adebayo for the injured Buzza, England field the side that lost the first game 15-12. Theoretically it should still be good enough but, then, theory has been one of the destructive elements of the tour.

It is a vital motivation on any tour for there to be competition for places but, instead, the team was picked before they left Heathrow. The view of the management has been that they knew their best 15 players before they set off and it would not be fair or realistic to change that opinion on the strength of a couple of games.

In contrast the Canadians, who recall Norman Hadley, their captain and Gordon MacKinnon, the flanker, have thought it out rather better. When Ian Birtwell, their coach, initially spoke of being unpredictable there were a few wry smiles. But only the more flexible Canadians ever looked like scoring a try in the first match.

John Fletcher, the surprise selection of England's tour party, will decide in the next month whether to switch to a bigger club and enjoy the higher grade of rugby played by his tour colleagues. Fletcher, who will be on the replacements' bench today, has been wooed with offers to leave Tynedale, the junior Northumberland club. Nearby Newcastle Gosforth, who have just secured a first division place, and Northampton have made approaches to the talented centre.

"I know if I want to play rugby at this level I'm going to have to move," said Fletcher, a stonemason, who enjoys playing for Tynedale, even though it represents a standard five leagues below what most of his tour colleagues are used to. "I'm not going to make that decision until I get back home. I'll announce my decision next month," he said.

Northampton are the favourites to capture Fletcher, and if they do, he could be re-united with his tour centre partner, Stuart Potter, for the Midland Division next season.

CANADA: S Stewart; J Loveday, S Gray, G Rees, D Lougheed, J Graf, C Tynan; E Evans, K Svoboda, D Jackart, A Charron, N Hadley (capt), J Kneuer, G MacKinnon, G Ennis.
ENGLAND: D Pears (Harlequins); A Adebayo (Bath), S Potter (Leicester), D Hopley (Wasps), C Oti (Wasps); P Challinor (Harlequins), K Bracken (Bristol); G Rowntree (Leicester), J Olver (Northampton, capt), V Ubogu (Bath), J Hall (Bath), M Johnson (Leicester), A Blackmore (Bristol), N Back (Leicester), S Ojomoh (Bath).

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Souness lures Clough from Forest

BY IAN ROSS

THE first important transfer of football's close season was completed yesterday when Nigel Clough moved from Nottingham Forest to Liverpool. Clough's lengthy association with Forest ended at lunchtime when he accepted a four-year contract that is likely to cost Liverpool £2 million.

With the England international out of contract at the end of the month, and the two clubs almost certain to disagree about his valuation, the fee may have to be decided by an independent tribunal.

Clough's decision to follow his father Brian out of Forest is not surprising. He discussed a move with Graeme Souness, the Liverpool manager, last week before travelling abroad with England for their World Cup qualifying fixtures.

Souness says he will play Clough, 27, in attack alongside Ian Rush next season. "I think that he is the nearest thing to Kenny Dalglish since Kenny himself stopped playing football," he said. "He is an outstanding player, a quality player and a player who brings his team-mates into the game. I am certain that he will give us something that we have been missing. As a man he must be a strong character because he played under his father and that must have been difficult for him at times.

"You could say that Nigel is tailor-made for a club like ours. It is only very rarely that players of his ability become available."

Clough, with 11 England appearances behind him, said that he hoped to transform the fortunes of the troubled Merseyside club. "I am sure that I will benefit from playing alongside the likes of Ian Rush and John Barnes," he said.

"And if any two teams have played in a similar fashion in the last ten years or so, then it has been Liverpool and Nottingham Forest.

"Obviously it is a bit of a wrench to leave Forest, having spent my entire career there. The fact that my father has also left was a factor in my decision to go. I haven't had much time to discuss this move with him yet."

Paul Mason yesterday joined Ipswich Town from Aberdeen in a £400,000 deal. Mason, 29, joined Aberdeen for £250,000 from FC Groningen in Holland in 1988.

John Lyall, the Ipswich manager, said: "He's a good technical player, quick and sharp, who can operate on the left or the right. I'm sure he will be a popular figure at Portman Road."

☐ Charlton, of the first division, are to receive a 70 per cent grant of £1.4 million from the Football Trust towards the building of a 6,000-seat stand on the east terrace at the Valley. A separate application for the additional £500,000 over budget costs of returning to the ground was turned down.

New manager hands Bates list of players he wants to bring to Stamford Bridge

Chelsea turn to Hoddle to lead them to success

BY JOHN GOODBODY

GLENN Hoddle, appointed manager of Chelsea yesterday, immediately gave his new club chairman, Ken Bates, a list of players he would like to buy to bring the Premier League club its first significant honour for 22 years.

Hoddle, who will be having a holiday before taking up the post at Stamford Bridge, stressed that it was not necessary to spend £10 million to assemble a squad that can bring success, pointing to his performance at Swindon Town, whom he guided to the top division for the first time in history in the play-off victory at Wembley last Monday.

Bates said: "I am not going to say how much money there is for him to spend. That would be foolish. As soon as a chairman says there are millions to spend, someone else wants to take the money off him."

Hoddle wants Chelsea to show the same precise skill that he himself displayed as a player with Tottenham Hotspur and inspired as player-manager at Swindon.

Hoddle, whose move to Stamford Bridge was widely predicted, insisted that he will not change his "principles" and will continue to inspire his teams to play flowing football, adding: "If you saw the game at Wembley on Monday, you will know what I mean."

In the victory over Leicester, Hoddle took Swindon into the top division for the first time, both playing and coaching his team in the attractive style that has always been his hallmark.

Bates described Hoddle as "the man to lead Chelsea into the 21st century. Glenn has shown he has outstanding ability. The reason we wanted him was because he plays football in the right way; the way Chelsea supporters want to see it played."

"He has great experience, after a fine career as a player and has now served his apprenticeship at Swindon."

Hoddle, 35, described the decision to leave Swindon as "hard and emotional. It was a gut feeling and I always follow gut feelings. I only decided to leave in the last couple of days, but I am walking out with my head held high. I am very proud of what I achieved at Swindon."

Confirmation of the move has been expected for several days, but Bates yesterday denied accusations of any illegal approach to Hoddle, who has signed a three-year contract. Bates said: "We thought it was very important to do nothing that would rebound on Chelsea FC, especially if Swindon had not won at Wembley to go up. I spoke to their chairman yesterday and he agreed to release Glenn from his contract.

"There are rules to be followed and I was very well aware of that. There is a question of compensation to be settled, but I have assured the Swindon chairman that this will be done, although I do not know right now how much that is."



Bates: ambitious

Hoddle will be Chelsea's sixth manager in 12 years and he will take over from David Webb, the club's former defender, who briefly replaced Ian Porterfield, who was dismissed in mid-season following a run of poor results.

Bates may be determined to make Chelsea a force in the Premier League and he certainly deserves credit for the way that he has saved Stamford Bridge from property companies. However, he must temper his abrasive, impatient manner to allow Hoddle sufficient time to mould the team to his style.

John Gorman, Hoddle's assistant at the County ground, has been appointed manager of Swindon and Hoddle has now started looking for a No 2, saying: "I have someone in mind, but I am now saying who just yet."

Hoddle, scorer of 106 goals in 484 league and cup games for Tottenham, the club he joined as an apprentice in 1974, is also expected to be registered as a player by Chelsea. He won the Uefa Cup once and the FA Cup twice with Tottenham and was capped 53 times by England.

He was transferred to Monaco in 1987 for £1 million and was a member of the team that won the French championship the following year in a country where his relaxed style was eminently suitable and much admired.

He was given a free transfer from Monaco in 1989, following a severe knee injury and convalesced at Stamford Bridge, before joing Swindon in April 1991.

TIM BISHOP



Facing a new challenge: Hoddle prepares for his new role yesterday

Barnet lurch towards fresh crisis

BY JOHN GOODBODY

THE troubles of Barnet Football Club continue. The board of the newly promoted second division club yesterday told the players that it cannot afford to pay their wages for the second successive week.

The members of the first team were considering their future following a meeting yesterday. Under League regulations, they could demand, and automatically be given, free transfers because they are not being paid.

Eddie Stein, the manager, said that everyone felt "very badly let down". He added: "The board cannot promise us when they can pay our wages. Apparently someone who had promised to put money into the club has withdrawn."

Gordon Taylor, chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA), said yesterday that Stanley Beller, the company secretary, had told him that he hoped someone would put money into the club by next Wednesday. Taylor said: "We want the club to hold together but obviously we have contingency plans."

Beller was unavailable for comment yesterday and has not replied to letters from *The Times* over the last month requesting permission, as is the right of any member of the public, to examine club documents concerning the directors' interests.

Belief has been widespread that Stan Flashman is still indirectly connected with the club, although he has formally resigned as chairman and his wife, Helen, as company secretary.

After winning promotion, the players went on holiday to Cyprus, returning on Tuesday to find they had not been paid for the previous week. Among them, they are also owed £80,000 in bonuses for reaching the second division.

When the new board took over from Flashman on March 31, under the chairmanship of Robert Woolfson, it was hoped the financial instability would end.

The players' wages were frequently not paid last season and Flashman once threatened to fine his players for complaining about not being paid.

Last November, the club was fined £50,000 for failing to keep proper records and for irregular payments to players. Flashman frequently sacked and reinstated Barry Fry as manager.

The day after the new board took over, Fry joined Southend, saying that he was not happy with the new set-up. "They are just plastering over the old cracks," he said.

On May 11, the Football League imposed a further fine on Barnet and warned the club that future breaches would place their league membership in jeopardy. However, the new board said that the breach of regulations occurred before its appointment.

Wales in good heart after Faeroe fright

FROM KEITH PIKE IN TÓRSHAVN, FAEROE ISLANDS

WALES will be hoping that an unscheduled stop yesterday in Norway, where England's World Cup ambitions may have ended on Wednesday, will prove simply to have been an irritating, if nerve racking, diversion for them and not an ominous coincidence. Tomorrow afternoon, when they take on the Faeroe Islands, they will find out.

Thirteen months ago, when they opened their group four qualifying campaign with a 5-1 hiding in Romania, the prospect of Wales reaching the finals in the United States appeared no more than a flight of fancy.

After an aborted attempt to land in the fog-bound Faeroes yesterday, Dean Saunders at least saw the funny side of it, even though the laughter that greeted his donning of a lifejacket was more nervous than natural.

It was indeed worrying as the chartered Atlantic Airways plane lurched through the pea-souper, in between the mountains enveloping Vagar airport, and missed its approach. "We might be luckier next time," Hans Hansen, the captain, intoned, a mite too laconically for some, especially Terry Yorath and Ian Rush, neither the best of air travellers.

But the skies refused to clear and the 18 islands that comprise surely the most unlikely World Cup nation remained tantalisingly out of reach. So it was turn right across the north Atlantic to Bergen for a refuelling stop of Gascoigne-like necessity and an eventual safe landing back in the Faeroes five hours late.

The team hotel lay a further two hours away via coach and ferry; the Faeroes' one grass pitch in Toftir — where the match will be played tomorrow — two hours on from that.

GROUP FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	8	7	0	1	15	3	14
Romania	7	4	1	2	21	10	9
RCS	6	2	3	1	13	7	7
Wales	6	3	1	2	11	8	7
Cyprus	8	2	1	5	8	13	5
Faeroes	7	0	0	7	1	28	0

RESULTS: Belgium 1, Cyprus 0; Romania 7, Faeroes 0; Romania 5, Wales 1; Faeroes 0, Belgium 3; Faeroes 0, Cyprus 2; RCS 1, Belgium 2; Wales 6, Faeroes 0; RCS 4, Faeroes 0; Cyprus 0, Wales 1; Belgium 1, Romania 0; Romania 1, RCS 1; Belgium 2, Wales 0; Cyprus 1, Romania 4; Cyprus 0, Belgium 3; Cyprus 1, RCS 1; Wales 2, Belgium 0; Romania 2, Cyprus 1; Cyprus 3 Faeroe Islands 1; RCS 1, Wales 1; Belgium 3, Faeroes 0; RCS 5, Romania 2.

REMAINING FIXTURES: Tomorrow: Faeroes v Wales. Jun 16: Faeroes v RCS. Sept 8: Faeroes v Romania. Oct 13: Romania v Belgium, Wales v Cyprus. Oct 27: RCS v Cyprus. Nov 17: Wales v Romania; Belgium v RCS.

After such a tortuous journey, the planned training session was a non-starter.

None of it which, it should be stressed, is likely to distract Wales from the job in hand. The way ahead for them is now as clear as the mountain streams that cascade around the capital: four wins from their last four games, with three at home after tomorrow, and they are through.

They could even be second by tea-time but a nine-goal winning margin — the size they would need to dislodge Romania — is improbable, even against opponents who have conceded four goals per game in the group.

With Aizlewood and Young back from suspension, Speed recovered from injury and Hughes keen to mark his fiftieth cap with a goal — not to mention a rather talented young winger by the name of Giggs — Wales, having enjoyed an unprecedented eight-day training camp, are in both the mood and form to lift British spirits.

WALES (probable): N Southall (Everton); B Horne (Everton), M Aizlewood (Bristol City), C Blackmore (Manchester United), E Young (Crystal Palace), P Bodin (Swindon Town), G Speed (Leeds United) or D Phillips (Norwich City), R Giggs (Manchester United), M Hughes (Manchester United), I Rush (Liverpool), D Saunders (Aston Villa).

Gascoigne's problems small beer to Lazio

BY ROB HUGHES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

LAZIO, Paul Gascoigne's club in Rome, reacted with indignation yesterday to the insinuation of Graham Taylor, the England manager, that the player has "a refuelling problem".

Dino Zoff, the Lazio manager, said: "Taylor is out of touch with reality if he expected Gascoigne to come back as England's inspiration. We couldn't have asked more from the player in his first year after so serious an injury. I was fully prepared for the highs and lows in his performances, which was why I was careful not to go over the top in praising or criticising him."

Claudio Bartolini, the Lazio club doctor, added that nobody in Rome considers Gascoigne to be seriously overweight or to have a drink problem. "Beer is intrinsic to Gascoigne's diet," Bartolini said. "We accept that he came to us from a different culture. There was no point in changing his habits.

"The body accustoms itself to drawing from certain foods and beer has been part of his elementary habit. In moderation, it is certainly OK and, taking his injury into account, he's recovered very well."

Lazio insist Gascoigne has not spared himself, in training or in matches, and that they have not attempted to keep him under wraps. Bartolini said: "I'm not aware that he has a weight problem, nor that he has abused his drinking. Obviously, he has a specific diet programme, as do all of the Lazio players."

Lazio were initially willing to release Gascoigne to play in England's final match of their United States tour against Germany. Karl-Heinz Riedle, Lazio's Germany forward, was also released for the game.

However, during England's trip to Poland and Norway, Lazio contacted Taylor to request that Gascoigne should stay in Rome "to help him prepare for the decisive season of his career". They pointed out that their pre-season training resumes on July 15 and that a month's holiday would be in the player's interest.

They were surprised when Taylor apparently told them: "Please keep him." Taylor said that "if someone did not cure him, both Lazio and England could lose him forever".

A comment item in *Gazetta dello Sport* by Giancarlo Galavotti, the Italian paper's London representative, concluded: "To go into the year 2000, England needs a drop of humility, which unfortunately is not going to happen. It is on the brink of failing to reach the World Cup for the first time since the finals included 24 teams and would rather pursue the long ball and other barbarisms."

☐ Marco van Basten, the AC Milan and Holland forward, may need another operation just five months after surgery on his right ankle. Milan officials said yesterday that Van Basten, 28, is suffering from hardening of the tissues in the ankle and feels pain when he kicks the ball.



Gascoigne: thirsty habit

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

LAHTI, Finland: "Golden Javelin" competition: 1, S Raty (Fin), 85.66m. 2, J Zelezny (Cz), 82.70m.

MADRID: International meeting: Selected winners: Men: Javelin: J Sotelo (Sp), 72.78m. 400m hurdles: S Moseie (Zaire), 49.03sec. 1,500m: M Silva (Por), 3'42.85. 110m hurdles: Li Tong (China), 13.62. Also: 2, A Dees (US), 13.70; 3, V Shishkin (Rus), 13.71. 100m: C Imoh (Nigeria), 10.29. Long jump: M Powell (US), 8.50m. Women: 200m: G Malchugina (Rus), 22.45. 800m: N Loboyko (Rus), 2.01.73. High jump: S Kostadinova (Bul), 1.96m.

NEW ORLEANS: National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) championships (US unless noted): Winners: Men: Long jump: E Walder, 8.53m. High jump: R Jenkins, 2.28m. Women: Discus: D Mitchell, 56.86m. Heptathlon: K Blair (Can), 6,038pts.

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BADMINTON

BIRMINGHAM: World championships: Men's singles: Fifth round: H Susanto (Indo) bt S Kookasemkij (Thai), 15-9, 15-6; A Kusuma (Indo) bt F Kok-Keong (Mal), 15-10, 15-8, J Olsson (Swe) bt H Ardi (Indo), 9-15, 15-12, 15-3; F Permadi (Indo) bt R Sidek (Mal), 15-10, 10-15, 15-8; A Wikanata (Indo) bt P Sung-Woo (Kor), 17-16, 15-1; J Supranto (Indo) bt P Polupassy (Hol), 15-1, 15-3; T Stuer-Lauridsen (Den) bt L Jun (China), 15-9, 15-3; W Wenhai (China) bt P Hoyer-Larsen (Den), 15-8, 15-8.

Women's singles: Fifth round: L Heung-Soon (Kor) bt J Kerlika (Indo), 11-5, 9-11, 11-0; S Jaroensin (Thai) bt C Eun-Hwa (Kor), 11-4, 11-6, S Kusumawardhani (Indo) bt G Jing (China), 12-11, 11-0; T Jiuhong (China) bt L Leng (Mal), 11-5, 11-1; B Soo-Hyun (Kor) bt C Magnusson (Swe), 11-7, 11-7; L Yuhong (China) bt M Timur (Indo), 11-3 11-3, S Susanti (Indo) bt H Ning (China), 11-2, 11-5; Y Zhaoying (China) bt J Santoso (Indo), 11-4, 11-12, 11-3.

Mixed doubles: N Ponting and G Clark (GB) bt J Paulsen and L Olsen (Den), 15-12, 11-15, 15-13.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Detroit Tigers 5, Chicago White Sox 3; Kansas City Royals 8, Milwaukee Brewers 5.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: San Diego Padres 12, Atlanta Braves 4; St Louis Cardinals 9, Cincinnati Reds 2; Montreal Expos 7, Chicago Cubs 1; Pittsburgh Pirates 2, San Francisco Giants 1.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-offs: Third round: Western Conference finals: Seattle Supersonics 118, Phoenix Suns 102 (best-of-seven series level 3-3).

WROCLAW, Poland: European championship qualifying tournament: Semi-final round-robin series: Group E: Ukraine 90, Belarus 61, Croatia 113, Latvia 79. Group F: Slovenia 97, Estonia 85; Bosnia-Herzegovina 87, Poland 77.

CRICKET

OTHER MATCHES: The Parks (45 overs): Oxford University 102, Wiltshire 103-5. Wilts won by 5 wkts. Canterbury: Kent 8 335 for dec (G R Cowdrey 142 not out, D P Fulton 88) and 224 for 7 dec (Cowdrey 80, J I Longley 56). England Under-19 266 for 9 dec (R J Rollins 60 not out) and 129 for 4. Match drawn.

RAPID CRICKETLINE CHAMPIONSHIP: Harrow: Middlesex 304 for 9 dec (W J Adlam 5 for 61) and 78 for 0. Leicestershire 137 (J D R Benson 51) and 242 (J D R Benson 66, W J Adlam 79) Middlesex won by ten wickets. Fielding: Durham 162 (P W Henderson 63) and 248 (S Hutton 134); Surrey 401 for 6 dec (A G Hollioake 105, G J Kennis 68, M Bainbridge 58 not out) and 10 for 0. Surrey won by ten wickets. Taunton: Somerset 292 (K Sedgbeer 90) and 110 for 1 dec (K A Parsons 77 not out) Lancashire 84 for 1 dec and 222 (G Yates 75, R J Harding 5-76). Somerset won by 96 runs.

CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA: Eleventh stage (184km, Senigallia to Dozza). 1, F Fontanelli (It), 4hr 17min 42sec. 2, D Bottaro (It), at 01sec. 3, V Tebaldi (It), at 04. 4, M Manzoni (It), at 06. 5, L Pilon (Fr), same time. 6, F Casartelli (It), at 08. Irish: 33, S Roche, at 3:37. Overall: 1, B Leali (It), 46hr 37min 57sec; 2, M Indurain (Sp), at 06sec; 3, M Giovannetti (It), at 13. 4, M Argentin (It), at 35. 5, P Ugrumov (Lat), at 1min 08sec. 6, M Fondriest (It), at 1.07 Irish: 14, Roche, at 2:23.

DAUPHINE LIBERE, France: Third stage (43.5-km individual time-trial, St Etienne): 1, R Alcala (Mex), 58min 14.13sec; 2, L Dufaux (Switz), at 35sec; 3, F Simon (Fr), at 1min 27sec; 4, P Louvet (Fr), at 1 39; 5, B Boscardin (It), at 1:41; 6, J Durand (Fr), at 1:46. Fourth stage: 1, E Bouwmans (Holl), 6hr 1mn 19sec; 2, L Dufaux (Switz); 3, B-A Narodveck (Nor); 4, J van de Laer (Bel); 5, E Caritoux (France), 6, N Szostak (Bel); 7, R Pensec (Fr); 8, R Alcala (Mex); 9, J Gomes (Por); 10, R Virenque (Fr), all same time. Other: 45, M Earley (Ire), same time. Overall: 1, Alcala, 16hr 47min 53sec; 2, Dufaux, at 46sec; 3, A Peron (It), 2:25; 4, L Fignon (Fr), 2.32; 5, J-C Robin (Fr), 2:43; 6, Szostak, 3:04; 7, J-P Doyen (Fr), 3:05; 8, Y Lederoux (Fr), 3:11; 9, A Martin (Sp), 3:16; 10, O Ricon (Col), 3:22.

TOUR OF THE ASTURIAS, Spain: Third stage (181km, Llanes to Aviles): 1, L Jalabert (Fr), 4hr 40mn 17sec; 2, J Pandekart (Bel); 3, J Koens (Holl); 4, W Nelissen (Bel); 5, J Nijdam (Holl), all same time. Overall: 1, A Zulle (Switz), 9hr 57min 30sec; 2, E Breukink (Holl), same time; 3, Jalabert, at 23sec; 4, M Maun (Sp), at 29; 5, P Meinert (Den), at 31.

EQUESTRIANISM

ROYAL BATH AND WEST SHOW: Royal Bath and West Stakes: Winning owner: 1, Team Everest, Everest Radiant (L Edgar). 2, G Goodwin, G-Line; 3, H van Heymegen, Herzenjaeger. Sceptre Stakes: 1, J Cleeland, Finance, 2, Mrs S Welch, Everest Showtime (N Skelton); equal 3, ten competitors. Parking Promotions power and speed stakes: 1 A Cannon (Misty Bay) G Goodwin, 2 T Brown (Quitas du Coria); 3, M Florence (Sad to Have Missed). Everest regional qualifying competition: 1, G Billington (Corona); 2, R Farthing (Everest Fionda), N Skelton, 3, S Welch (Everest Showtime), N Skelton.

FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP: Qualifying round: Oceania zone: Melbourne: Australia 1, New Zealand 0.

GOLF

DUBLIN, Ohio: Memorial tournament: First round (US unless stated): 66: D Love III, D Hammond. 67: N Ozaki (Japan), J Ozaki (Japan), K Perry, D Hart, J Cook, F Couples, J Haas. 68: D Barr (Can), R Wadkins, D Rummells, G Norman (Aus), P Azinger, W Levi. 69: M Weibe, M Hulbert, C Pavin, G Waite (NZ); W Glasson, P Blackmar, R Mediate, D Edwards, P Stewart, M Standly. 8 Faxon. British score: 70: S Dundas.

EAST LANSING, Michigan: Women's tournament: First round (US unless stated): 66: A Ritzman. 67: C Walker, D Lofland-Dormann, K Lunn, L Kiggens, H Dobson. 68: K Monaghan, E King, A Nicholas (GB), M Morris 69: L Walters, M Mallon, D Lasker, T Green, E Crosby, J Zeditz, S Strudwick, A Ridgeway.

SHIBATA, Japan: Men's tournament: Second round (Japan unless stated): 134: T Watanabe, 70, 64; Y Mizumaki, 70, 64, 138; K Takami, 68, 67. 136: B Jones (Aus), 71, 65. 137: Chan Tze-chung (Taiwan), 71, 66; K Murota, 69, 68. British score: 149: P Hoad, 78, 71.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Stanley Cup: Final: Montreal Canadiens 3, Los Angeles Kings 2 (OT, best-of-seven series level 1-1).

SQUASH

DUBAI: United Arab Emirates International Squash Team Challenge: Semi-final: English Lions 3, Celts 0 (individual scores. English names first: P Marshall bt M Maclean [Scot], 15-6, 15-6, 15-12. D Hams bt A Davies [Wales], 15-14, 14-15, 15-11, 15-12; R Hill bt G Hamilton [Scot], 15-7, 15-11, 15-3.

TENNIS

PARIS: French Open: Boys singles: Quarter-finals: M Rios (Chile) bt N Escude (Fr), 6-3, 6-4. S Downs (NZ) bt N Lapentti (Ec), 6-2, 6-0. R Carretero (Sp) bt J Greenhalgh (NZ), 6-3, 7-5. A Costa (Sp) bt G Kuerten (Br), 2-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Girls' singles: Quarter-finals: E Martinkova (Cz) bt J Lee (US), 6-4, 6-1, L Courtois (Bel) bt A Olivier (Fr), 4-6, 7-5, 6-3; M Hingis (Switz) bt M Diaz-Oliva (Arg), 6-3, 6-4.

Girls' doubles: Quarter-final: J Pulin and L Woodroffe (GB) bt Z Nemsakova and L Richterova (Slovakia), 7-6, 3-6, 7-5.

BECKENHAM: Direct Line Insurance championships: Men's singles: Fourth round: D Wheaton (US) bt G Doyle (Aus), 6-4, 6-3. Women's singles: Semi-finals: M Navratilova (US) bt L Harvey-Wild (US), 6-3, 6-1; K Boogert (Holl) bt K Radford (Aus), 6-4, 6-2.

VOLLEYBALL

ATHENS: World League: Greece 0, Russia 3.

WOMEN'S GRAND PRIX: Second legs: China 3, Germany 0 (in Kuala Lumpur); Cuba 3, South Korea 0 (in Bangkok). Brazil 3, Russia 1 (in Bangkok).

WEEKEND FIXTURES

Today

CRICKET

First Cornhill Test match
Third day of five
11.0, 90 overs minimum

OLD TRAFFORD: England v Australia

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Third day of four
11.0, 110 overs minimum

CHELMSFORD: Essex v Somerset.

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LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Durham.

LORD'S: Middlesex v Derbyshire.

NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Worcestershire.

TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Hampshire.

THE OVAL: Surrey v Lancashire.

EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Sussex.

MIDDLESBROUGH: Yorkshire v Glamorgan.

BOWLS

NATWEST BANK MIDDLETON CUP (2.0): Group one: Section A: Cumbria v Durham (Dalston), Lancashire v Yorkshire (Southport). Section B: Derbyshire v Lincolnshire (Derby West End); Northumberland v Nottinghamshire (Alnwick). Group two: Section A: Norfolk v Essex (Norwich), Hertfordshire v Warwickshire (Bragbury House). Section B: Huntingdonshire v Bedfordshire (Brampton Institute); Cambridgeshire v Northamptonshire (Cambridge Chesterton). Group three: Section A: Middlesex v Berkshire (Uxbridge); Isle of Wight v Surrey (Westland Aerospace). Section B: Kent v Sussex (Hartley Country Club). Group four: Section A: Gloucestershire v Herefordshire (Cheltenham), Somerset v Worcestershire (Victoria, Weston-super-Mare) Section B: Cornwall v Devon (Maryan); Dorset v Wiltshire (Dorchester).

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: Pearl European relays, Portsmouth.

BADMINTON: World championships, Birmingham.

CYCLING: Milk Race: sixth stage (Stratford-upon-Avon to Leicester).

GOLF: Dunhill British Masters, Woburn.

MOTOR SPORT: Scottish rally; Isle of Man TT races.

ROWING: Docklands Regatta, Royal Albert Dock, London.

TENNIS: Direct Line Insurance championships, Beckenham.

Tomorrow

CRICKET

First Cornhill Test match
Fourth day of five
11.0, 90 overs minimum

OLD TRAFFORD: England v Australia

Axa Equity & Law League
12.0, 50 overs per side

CHELMSFORD: Essex v Somerset

TUNBRIDGE WELLS: Kent v Gloucestershire

LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Durham

LORD'S: Middlesex v Derbyshire.

NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Worcestershire.

TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Hampshire.

THE OVAL: Surrey v Lancashire.

EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Sussex.

MIDDLESBROUGH: Yorks v Glamorgan

MINOR COUNTIES MCC TROPHY: First round: Hereford: Herefordshire v Staffordshire Usk: Wales v Shropshire. Sherborne: Dorset v Devon. Trowbridge: Wiltshire v Cornwall. Jesmond: Northumberland v Lincolnshire. Warrington: Cheshire v Cumberland. Bedford School: Bedfordshire v Cambridgeshire Shenley Park: Hertfordshire v Oxfordshire.

FOOTBALL

World Cup
Group four
Faeroe Islands v Wales..... (at Toftir)

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: World championships, Birmingham.

CYCLING: Milk Race, seventh stage (circuit of Great Malvern); National 25-mile time trial (Redruth, 7 0).

GOLF: Dunhill British Masters, Woburn.

MOTOR SPORT: Isle of Man TT races

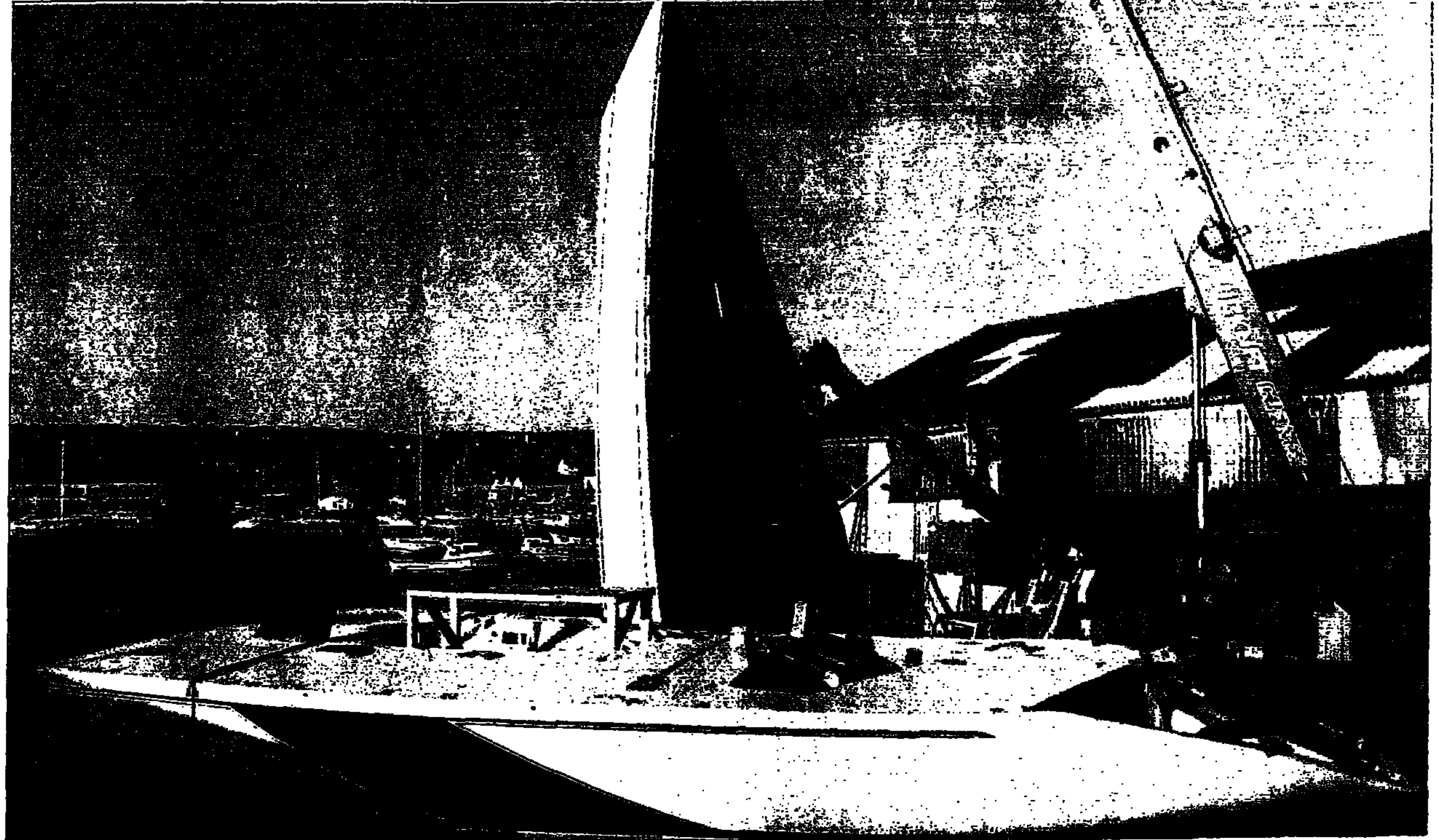
POLO: Alfred Dunhill Cup (Windsor)

ROWING: Docklands Regatta, London.

TENNIS: Direct Line Insurance championships, Beckenham.

Huge cloud of sail lifts Fortuna's race hopes

Lawrie Smith will be writing exclusively for *The Times* on the 1993 Whitbread round the world race, which starts in September from Southampton. Here he reveals his crew and how a new mast design can give Fortuna, the Spanish yacht he skippers, a vital edge



A cut above: a crane suspends Fortuna's bow, removed to have a new section placed amidships for the Whitbread race, during winter re-building at Cowes

We have unfinished business with the Whitbread Round the World Race. After taking Rothmans, the British maxi, to fourth place three years ago, being second best is not part of the agenda this time.

Fortuna, the Javier Visiers-designed yacht which set a record 24-hour run of 403 miles during fierce running through the Southern Ocean last time round, comes out of the builder's shed this weekend a very different animal.



Smith: secret weapon

Last winter she was cut in half and had a 6ft 6in section added amidships to make her 82ft 6in long. Her small, fractional sloop rig has been replaced by a two-masted ketch configuration so big in area that it will dwarf our rivals.

Our secret weapon is a mizzen mast to be revealed on Monday, which has helped us to increase our sail area by half the size of a tennis court over yachts like Grant Dalton's New Zealand Endeavour and Merit Cup, skippered by Pierre Fehlmann.

The sail plan, developed in the wind tunnel facility at Southampton University, is some 300 square metres more than Fortuna's original rig and gives us a near 100 square metre downwind advantage over our competitors. This will be most significant when broad-reaching on the three Atlantic legs where this race is invariably won and lost.

To help us to harness this extra "horsepower", Ian Howlett, the America's Cup yacht designer, has worked with Javier Visiers to develop a new stiletto-shaped foils and bulb keel in the Wolfson test tank at Southampton to balance this cloud of sail.

Fortuna is a Spanish yacht but the crew is multi-national. Eight have followed me from Rothmans and between us, we have the experience of 14 Whitbread races.

Kym "Shag" Morton, my No 2, is a veteran of two previous events and as keen as me to make good all we learned from the Rothmans campaign three years ago. Vincent Geake joined me four years ago as a winner of *The Times*/James Capel Crewsearch scheme and has developed into one of the best global navigators in the business.

Neil Graham, another Australian to have sailed with us on Rothmans, was our design co-ordinator then and has managed Fortuna's 10-week conversion. He will sail as mainsheet trimmer. Paul Standbridge, my second watch-leader, has more experience of blue-water racing than anyone else on board, having completed three previous Whitbread races, the last one on Rothmans.

Dave Powys, the third Australian, is the "fixer" on board. He and I go back to 1983 and Peter de Savary's America's Cup campaign with Victory. We worked together again within the Kookaburra syndicate, when the Australians defended the Cup off Fremantle in 1987, and he was one of the first to sign up on Rothmans in 1990. He is invaluable when things start going wrong.

Russell Pickthall is another veteran from Victory and Rothmans. Our sailmaker, he has already tasted victory in this race, having won with Conny van Rietschoten on Flyer in 1982. This will be his third circumnavigation.

Neal McDonald is one of the new faces. The former International 14 world champion and Olympic yachtsman, who has aspirations to sail in the next America's Cup, was a member of my crew on Port Pendennis, Britain's One-ton entry in the last Admiral's Cup. A naval architect by trade, he has overseen the construction of Fortuna's secret mizzen mast and his dinghy expertise can only add to our overall strength.

Another dinghy champion is Guillermo Altadill, Spain's Tornado representative at the 1988 Olympic Games, who coached their sailing team which won four gold medals at Barcelona last year. With him comes Marc-Anton Corominas and Jesus Serrano, two young Spaniards.

Last among my core team is Henri Hiddes, the experienced South African-based Dutchman who joined Rothmans from NBC Ireland four years ago.

Still to be found are a cook, doctor and bowman, positions we will fill once sailing trials commence. That programme will continue through the summer and centre on sail optimisation before competing in the Fastnet race in August, when our special ketch configuration will be tested against our rivals.

☐ *Lawrie Smith, 37, won an Olympic yachting bronze medal last year. He has twice been an America's Cup skipper and this will be his third Whitbread race.*

Regency primed to complete Derby double for Abdulla

FROM OUR FRENCH RACING CORRESPONDENT IN PARIS

REGENCY, the mount of Pat Eddery, attempts to complete a swift Derby double for Commander In Chief's owner, Khaled Abdulla, in the group one Prix du Jockey-Club Lancia at Chantilly tomorrow.

Trained by Criquette Head, Regency is, like Commander In Chief, a son of Dancing Brave. He was most impressive when landing the Prix Hocquart by a length and a half from Marchand De Sable at Longchamp four weeks ago.

His main rival could be Andre Fabre's Hunting Hawk, who has not raced since winning the group two Prix Greffuhle in April. A full-brother to In The Wings, the 1990 Coronation Cup winner, Hunting Hawk should have no trouble lasting the trip.

Hernando, the conqueror of Armiger in the group one Prix Lupin, also comes into calculations, as do group three Prix La Force winner Sin Kiang and Freezing Bird.

With the withdrawal of Armiger, Peter Chapple Hyam's Newton's Law is the sole British raider. The Jim Bolger-trained Shandon Lake, behind Regency in the Hocquart, represents Ireland.

French classic form goes on trial in tomorrow's two other pattern races. Ski Paradise, runner-up in the French 1,000 Guineas, can take the Prix de Sandringham, while Hudo and Fantastic Dream, third and fifth behind Kingmambo in the French 2,000 Guineas, tackle the Prix de la Jonchere.

☐ Channel 4 will show a programme of highlights from Chantilly at 11.10pm tomorrow.

☐ Paul Cole's Culture Vulture (Richard Quinn) and John Dunlop's Ventiquattrofogli (Willie Carson) contest the group two Premio Emilio Turati (1m) in Milan, tomorrow.

☐ Sea Hero and Prairie Bayou, first and second in the Kentucky Derby, are among 14 runners for Belmont Stakes, the final leg of the American Triple Crown, in New York today.

CHANTILLY TOMORROW

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.50 PRIX DU JOCKEY-CLUB LANCIA
(Group I: 3-Y-O: £298,686: 1m 4f) (11 runners)

1 (2) -510 KNOWN LOVER (K Abdulla) Mme C Head 9-2 M De Smyter
2 (1) 1-21 REGENCY (K Abdulla) Mme C Head 9-2 Pat Eddery
3 (3) -116 FORT WOOD (Sheikh Mohammed) A Fabre 9-2 W R Swinburn
4 (9) -131 HUNTING HAWK (Sheikh Mohammed) A Fabre 9-2 T Jarnet
5 (4) 1-45 BADOLATO (Ecurie Mateloy Farm) A Spanu 9-2 L Dettori
6 (10) 1-2 SIN KIANG (Sir J Goldsmith) J de Roualle 9-2 E Legrix
7 (11) 4-14 SHANDON LAKE (J Hill) J Bolger (Ire) 9-2 C Roche
8 (6) 2-53 DERNIER EMPEREUR (P de Moussac) A Fabre 9-2 S Guillot
9 (1) 111 HERNANDO (S Niarchos) F Boutin 9-2 C Asmussen
10 (8) -113 NEWTON'S LAW (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam (GB) 9-2 J Reid
11 (5) -141 FREEZING BIRD (J Wertheimer) Mme C Head 9-2 F Head

BETTING: 6-4 Regency and Known Lover (coupled), 9-4 Hunting Hawk and Fort Wood (coupled), 9-2 Hernando, 9-1 Sin Kiang, 12-1 Freezing Bird, 14-1 Dernier Empereur, 20-1 Newton's Law, 33-1 others.

RACING NEXT WEEK

MONDAY: Nottingham, Pontefract.
TUESDAY: Pontefract, Salisbury.
WEDNESDAY: Beverley, Yarmouth, †Hamilton Park, Kempton Park.
THURSDAY: Newbury, Hamilton, †Chepstow, †Southwell.
FRIDAY: Sandown Park, York, Southwell, †Goodwood, Doncaster.
SATURDAY: Sandown Park, Bath, York, †Lingfield Park, †Nottingham.
† denotes evening meeting

HAYDOCK PARK

THUNDERER
2.00 Allwight Then. 2.30 Forever Diamonds. 3.00 Persuasive. 3.30 Band On The Run. 4.00 Saint Keyne. 4.30 Hazard A Guess.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.00 RIBBLE MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,377: 5f) (10 runners)

1 3 ALLWIGHT THEN 35 F Lee 9-0 S Perks 4
2 6 ASTRAC 5 S Norton 9-0 K Connorton 1
3 CAPTAIN CARAT Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 K Fallon 6
4 0 DIAMOND FRONTIER 40 J Berry 9-0 G Carter 5
5 5 GONE TO POT 17 R Johnson Houghton 9-0 W Ryan 5
6 42 KING RAT 15 M Johnston 9-0 Dean McKeown 3
7 NO MEAN CITY A Bailey 9-0 A Mackay 8
8 0 CELTIC GOVERNESS 15 J Balding 8-9 Claire Balding (7) 10
9 PETITE MAXINE F Lee 8-9 Paul Eddery 2
10 0 THREE OF HEARTS 21 J Eyre 8-9 M Humphries (7) 7

11-4 King Rat, 7-2 Allwight Then, 9-2 Gone To Pot, 6-1 Astrac, 7-1 Captain Carat, 10-1 Diamond Frontier, 12-1 others.

2.30 WEAVER HANDICAP (£4,920: 1m 30yd) (10)

1 1500 WILL OF STEEL 8 (G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-11 K Fallon 2
2 0-23 ARANY 8 (D,S) M Tompkins 6-9-5 S Mulvey (7) 5
3 4125 FOREVER DIAMONDS 6 (D,F,G,S) M H Easterby 6-9-4 M Birch 6
4 -341 MOORISH 7 (CD,S) P Cole 3-9-3 T G McLaughlin (7) 4
5 5340 AMENABLE 10 (D,F,G,S) B Richmond 8-9-2 Alex Greaves 1
6 -265 LANGTRY LADY 7 (V,D,F,G,S) M Ryan 7-8-12 D Biggs 10
7 1420/ GRANITTON BAY 654 (D,F,S) R Whitaker 6-8-10 A Culhane 3
8 2132 CEE-JAY-AY 8 (D,F,G,S) J Berry 6-8-6 G Carter 8
9 14-3 EXPRESS GIFT 9 (CD,BF,F,S) Mrs M Reveley 4-8-2 Darren Moffatt (5) 9
10 3025 VELOCE 16 (F) A Bailey 5-7-8 A Mackay 7

5-2 Moorish, 5-1 Forever Diamonds, 6-1 Arany, 7-1 Cee-Jay-Ay, 8-1 Express Gift, 10-1 Langtry Lady, Amenable, 12-1 Will Of Steel, 14-1 others.

3.00 MERSEY HANDICAP (£4,878: 1m 6f) (8)

1 414- ROSINA MAE 232 (G) Lord Huntingdon 4-9-10 Dean McKeown 5
2 61-0 PURITAN 25 (F,S) N Tinkler 4-9-7 Kim Tinkler 1
3 5211 PERSUASIVE 7 (CD,G,S) Miss L Perratt 6-9-4 Dale Gibson 2
4 0034 MENTALASANYTHIN 14 (G,S) A Bailey 4-9-0 A Mackay 7
5 1305 PHILGUN 10 (F,S) W Elsey 4-9-0 S Maloney (3) 8
6 -522 PHARLY DANCER 11 W Haigh 4-9-0 D Biggs 4
7 /0/1 DECIDED 15 (F,S) R Lee 10-8-4 Darren Moffatt (5) 3
8 5360 JAMES IS SPECIAL 8 (BF,G) H Collingridge 5-7-13 J Quinn 6

2-1 Persuasive, 9-2 Philgun, 6-1 Mentalasanythin, 7-1 James Is Special, 8-1 Pharly Dancer, 10-1 Rosina Mae, 12-1 Puritan, 14-1 Decided.

3.30 JOHN OF GAUNT STAKES
(Listed race: £10,380: 7f 30yd) (4)

1 00-0 MOJAVE 43 (V,D,G,S) M Stoute 4-9-6 Paul Eddery 4
2 5-56 BAND ON THE RUN 24 (D,F,G,S) B McMahon 6-8-12 J Fortune 2
3 0340 EURO FESTIVAL 5 (D,F,G) Miss L Siddall 4-8-12 Dean McKeown 3
4 1062 CELESTIAL KEY 7 (F,G) S Norton 3-8-2 K Fallon 1

11-10 Mojave, 9-4 Band On The Run, 6-1 Euro Festival, 8-1 Celestial Key.

4.00 DOUGLAS MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,752: 1m 6f) (13)

1 23 BOKARO 12 C Brooks 7-9-12 G Carter 3
2 05 FAIRWAYS ON TARGET 12 Mrs M Reveley 7-9-12 Dean McKeown 2
3 MAD CASANOVA 14J (B) R O'Sullivan 8-9-12 M Perrett 10
4 00 RONEO 19 (B) Miss J Doyle 5-9-12 R Parham 8
5 2 THE LAUGHING LORD 5J P Cheesbrough 7-9-12 M Birch 12
6 WORLD WITHOUT END 42J S Norton 4-9-12 H Bastiman (7) 7
7 BOLD REINE 9J R Hodges 4-9-7 D Biggs 13
8 0-6 BOOTIKIN 12 W Elsey 5-9-7 K Fallon 5
9 0 RAGLAN LADY 12 A Bailey 6-9-7 W Hawksley 4
10 5 RAHIL 18 (BF) H Thomson Jones 3-8-8 R Hills 11
11 332 SAINT KEYNE 15 (BF) H Cecil 3-8-8 W Ryan 9
12 00 TAKE A FLYER 7 R Hodges 3-8-8 S Drowne (7) 1
13 3-2 POINT THE WAY 35 (BF) M Stoute 3-8-3 Paul Eddery 6

4-5 Saint Keyne, 7-2 Point The Way, 7-1 The Laughing Lord, 10-1 Rahil, 12-1 Bokaro, 16-1 others.

4.30 DEE HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,470: 1m 2f 120yd) (10)

1 00-0 GENERAL MOUKTAR 42 M Pipe 9-7 M Perrett 6
2 0-00 BOLTROSE 19 K White 9-7 J Quinn 3
3 0-00 MULLED ALE 14 C Wall 9-4 W Woods 9
4 -051 HAZARD A GUESS 28 (D,F) Mrs J Ramsden 9-3 K Fallon 1
5 2334 ARC BRIGHT 28 R Hollinshead 9-3 W Ryan 5
6 4442 CONTRACT ELITE 10 (S) C Thornton 9-2 A Mackay 7
7 0-00 BLAKES BEAU 8 M H Easterby 9-2 M Birch 8
8 1234 HOT OFF THE PRESS 33 (F) R Whitaker 8-10 A Culhane 2
9 6-60 FREDDIE JACK 29 F Lee 8-9 R Lappin 10
10 4-00 HASTA LA VISTA 44 M W Easterby 8-4 L Charnock 4

5-2 Hazard A Guess, 9-2 Hot Off The Press, 5-1 General Mouktar, 7-1 Arc Bright, 8-1 Contract Elite, 10-1 Blakes Beau, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 16 winners from 50 runners, 32%; H Thomson Jones, 12 from 55, 21.8%; P Cole, 8 from 40, 20.0%; M Stoute, 12 from 73, 16.4%; C Wall, 3 from 21, 14.3%; M Tompkins, 11 from 78, 14.1%.

JOCKEYS: S Mulvey, 3 winners from 7 rides, 42.9%; R Lappin, 5 from 32, 15.6%; W Ryan, 19 from 124, 15.3%; N Connorton, 6 from 42, 14.3%; Paul Eddery, 11 from 86, 12.8%; Dean McKeown, 18 from 143, 12.6%.

STRATFORD

THUNDERER
2.50 Beech Road. 3.20 Icarus. 3.50 Festival Fancy. 4.25 Sheer Jest. 4.55 Millrous. 5.25 OK Corral. 5.55 Station Express.
Brian Beel: 4.25 Sheer Jest.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES)

2.50 FARRIERS HURDLE
(£2,950: 2m 6f 110yd) (6 runners)

1 0060 PACTOLUS 81 (F,G,S) S Christian 10-11-12 M McGonagle (5)
2 3101 SABAKI RIVER 16 (F,G,S) Mrs J Retter 9-11-7 M A Fitzgerald
3 F401 DEB'S BALL 7 (D,F,G,S) D Moffatt 7-11-2 D J Moffatt (3)
4 5304 AUTONOMOUS 28 (F) K Bridgwater 8-10-12 D Bridgwater
5 1212 BEECH ROAD 14 (C,BF,F,G,S) G Balding 11-10-12 R Dunwoody
6 6350 LADY POLY 8 (G) R Stone 5-10-7 Leesa Long (7)

15-8 Beech Road, 3-1 Deb's Ball, Sabaki River, 7-1 Pactolus, 33-1 others.

3.20 GAMBLING PRINCE CHASE
(£2,938: 2m 5f 110yd) (3)

1 1PP3 RIVER HOUSE 5 (F,G,S) J White 11-12-0 N Williamson
2 3012 ICARUS 5 (B,CD,BF,F,G) D Brown 7-11-10 A Maguire
3 23P0 HEADIN' ON 33 (D,F,G) Mrs P Joynes 13-11-2 T Wall

4-6 Icarus, 7-4 River House, 11-2 Headin' On.

3.50 FLAGSTONE HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,390: 3m 3f) (11)

1 42P4 FETTUCCINE 5 (F,G,S) P Cheesbrough 9-12-0 Mr A Thornton (3)
2 4121 THE BLACK MONK 5 (V,F,G,S) M Pipe 5-11-12 (6ex) R Dunwoody
3 2054 PETTY BRIDGE 7 (C,F,G,S) A James 9-11-9 R Bellamy
4 F420 MAYFAIR MINX 17 (BF,F,G) S Christian 9-11-4 M McGonagle (5)
5 33F2 FESTIVAL FANCY 10 (BF,G) Mrs M Reveley 6-10-8 P Niven
6 P045 RAWHIDE 25 (G,S) Mrs J Retter 9-10-5 M A Fitzgerald
7 43R2 RIDWAN 15 (S) K Morgan 6-10-2 A S Smith
8 -P40 CAROGROVE 15 (C,F) E Buckley 10-10-0 W Marston (3)
9 53U8 PERRY WELL 15 (BF,G) K Bailey 9-10-0 S McNeill
10 2403 ANDRELOT 8 (B,F,G) K White 6-10-0 A Maguire
11 2U14 INVITE D'HONNEUR 5 (G) C Broad 11-10-0 A Flannigan (7)

11-4 The Black Monk, 4-1 Festival Fancy, 9-2 Ridwan, 6-1 Petty Bridge, 8-1 Fettuccine, Mayfair Minx, 10-1 Rawhide, 14-1 Carogrove, 20-1 others.

4.25 34th YEAR OF THE HORSE AND HOUND CUP HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £6,775: 3m 4f) (6)

1 1/F- GENERALS BOY 402 (BF,F,G,S) P Craggs 11-0-0 P Craggs
2 BP-U JANUARY DON 31 J Warner 8-12-0 A Dalton
3 52-1 MIGHTY MARK 25 (D,F,G,S) F Walton 14-12-0 P Johnson
4 3111 ONCE STUNG 18 (F,G,S) P Cheesbrough 7-12-0 J Greenall
5 1111 SHEER JEST 31 (C,F,G) W Warner 8-12-0 A Hill
6 P5P3 SKERRY MEADOW 16 (F,G) D Carter 9-12-0 I Widdicombe

8-11 Sheer Jest, 7-4 Once Stung, 7-1 Generals Boy, 10-1 others.

4.55 WHYTE MELVILLE CLAIMING HURDLE
(£1,898: 2m 110yd) (11)

1 4252 WYCLIFFE 10 N Mason 5-11-8 J Supple (7)
2 4331 SHOW THE FLAG 5 (B,D,F) K Bailey 5-11-0 J Railton
3 -431 TAKE TWO 5 (D,F,G,S) J White 5-11-0 A Maguire
4 1854 CHARLYCIA 10 (V,G) T Carr 5-10-13 A Orkney
5 0PP LIGHT O'THE MILL 54 Miss L Bower 4-10-12 N Williamson
6 0P0P GILBERT 24 (B) D Carey 5-10-10 A Flannigan (7)
7 0005 JAMESTOWN BOY 8 (B,D,F,G,S) B Preece 5-10-10 T Wall
8 3050 SOVEREIGN NICHE 9 (V,D,G) A Barrow 5-10-10 M A Fitzgerald
9 0254 THE BLUE BOY 25 (B,D,F,G) Mrs J Retter 5-10-10 E Tierney
10 000 IN THE GAME 8 Miss A Whitfield 4-10-8 S McNeill
11 1150 MILLROUS 5 (B,D,F,G,S) M Pipe 5-10-5 R Dunwoody

3-1 Take Two, 7-2 Show The Flag, 5-1 The Blue Boy, Wycliffe, 6-1 Charlycia, 8-1 Millrous, 10-1 Sovereign Niche, 14-1 others.

5.25 FOXFORD HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,212: 3m) (14)

1 4141 KIRSTY'S BOY 5 (D,F,G,S) Miss L Perratt 10-12-2 (6ex) L O'Hara
2 PF12 COE 33 (B,D,F,G) R Akehurst 7-11-2 G McCourt
3 3133 OK CORRAL 15 (B,F,G,S) J White 6-10-13 A Maguire
4 PUP3 TORT 8 (G,S) P Dalton 9-10-10 Mr T Jenks (5)
5 1435 GALA'S IMAGE 14 (F,G,S) J McConnochie 13-10-8 S McNeill
6 4P03 THE NIGELSTAN 16 (D,F,G,S) P Hedger 12-10-6 D O'Sullivan (3)
7 /613 GENTLEMAN ANGLER 5 (C,D,F) S Sherwood 10-10-2 G Upton
8 PP35 CHANCERY BUCK 8 (D,F,G) R Frost 10-10-0 J Frost
9 3334 ARCTIC BARON 23 (C,D,F) Mrs J Dawe 8-10-0 N Hawke
10 1606 MISTER MOODY 30 (D,F,S) B Baugh 8-10-0 M Hourigan (3)
11 3304 BOLD IN COMBAT 14 (V,C,D,F,G) T Casey 10-10-0 R Dunwoody
12 600/ LAKINO 758 (F,G) K Morgan 11-10-0 A S Smith
13 5PP0 CLEANING UP 9 (B) A Chamberlain 11-10-0 A Webb
14 -585 SMOOTH START 232 (D,F,G) A James 8-10-0 D Leahy (5)

9-4 Kirsty's Boy, 7-2 OK Corral, 4-1 Coe, 11-2 Gentleman Angler, 8-1 Gala's Image, 10-1 Tort, 12-1 The Nigelstan, 16-1 others.

5.55 PUPPY WALKERS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,150: 2m 6f 110yd) (11)

1 1221 STRONG MEDICINE 5 (D,F) K Bailey 6-12-4 (6ex) J McCarthy (5)
2 3132 SHIMMERING SCARLET 5 (D,F,G) R Buckler 5-11-10 Mr C Bonner (7)
3 4233 PLAYPEN 5 (F,S) R Frost 9-11-0 J Frost
4 5531 BRIDGE PLAYER 23 (S) D Moffatt 6-10-11 D J Moffatt (3)
5 4P5U TUFFNUT GEORGE 14 J Pickering 6-10-10 M Hourigan (3)
6 12P4 THUNDER BUG 35 (F) A James 5-10-6 R Bellamy
7 1212 STATION EXPRESS 7 (BF,F,G) B Ellison 5-10-1 A Orkney
8 8060 ZEUS 5 G Fleming 9-10-0 S Lycett (7)
9 3P05 BERYL'S JOKE 8 (B) P Hobbs 9-10-0 C Maude
10 P65P BALLAD RULER 5 P Pritchard 7-10-0 A Webb
11 PP00 PEWTER PETA 5 G Roe 9-10-0 P Maddock (7)

11-4 Strong Medicine, 4-1 Bridge Player, 9-2 Station Express, 5-1 Shimmering Scarlet, 13-2 Thunder Bug, 8-1 Playpen, Tuffnut George, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: W Warner, 3 winners from 4 runners, 75.0%; Mrs J Retter, 5 from 14, 35.7%; R Akehurst, 6 from 25, 24%; M Pipe, 19 from 92, 20.7%; P Hobbs, 8 from 52, 15.4%; G Balding, 5 from 36, 13.9%.

JOCKEYS: Mr A Hill, 3 winners from 5 rides, 60.0%; A Maguire, 6 from 25, 24.0%; G McCourt, 11 from 59, 18.6%; M A Fitzgerald, 5 from 28, 17.9%; A S Smith, 3 from 21, 14.3%.

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THUNDERER
6.35 Well Done Rory. 7.05 Mr-Paw. 7.35 What If. 8.05 Boarding School. 8.35 Pry's-Joy. 9.05 Highland Spirit.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) SIS

6.35 LAST CHANCE SELLING HURDLE
(4-Y-O: £1,566: 2m 1f 110yd) (5 runners)

1 6621 WELL DONE RORY 5 (D,S) J White 11-7 P McLoughlin (7)
2 FATHER DAN 212F Miss G Kelleway 11-0 A Bates (5)
3 3P53 JATHAAB 28 (V,BF) I Campbell 11-0 R Campbell
4 000P NEVENTER 5 M Chapman 11-0 W Worthington
5 P0FP RAP UP FAST 5 N Waggott 11-0 A Merrigan

8-11 Well Done Rory, 5-2 Jathaab, 4-1 Father Dan, 16-1 Neventer, Rap Up Fast.

7.05 FINAL FLING NOVICES CHASE
(£3,020: 2m 1f 110yd) (12)

1 433P TRAVELLER'S TRIP 21 (S) J Mackie 12-11-6 T Eley (5)
2 P606 ARCTICFLOW 16 (B) N Thomson 8-11-1 J Neaves (7)
3 F353 CRAFTY CHAPLAIN 24 D McCain 7-11-1 Mr D McCain (5)
4 5002 MAUREEN'S FANCY 7 J Parkes 8-11-1 N Smith
5 22P3 MR-PAW 5 F Murphy 10-11-1 A Maguire
6 0-PP PORENTINO 5 (V) G Kelly 7-11-1 Mr S Walker (7)
7 04PP STRONG SILVER 16 (B) R Johnson 8-11-1 K Johnson
8 P452 CALMATA 14 Lady Ann Bowlby 12-10-10 B Harker
9 2/P GOOD EGG 28 R Hollinshead 7-10-10 Gary Lyons
10 0645 MARY O'REILLY 14 W Mann 8-10-10 Mr D Verco
11 0/P3 OH MOTHER 3 R Tate 8-10-10 Mrs F Needham
12 PP66 PASSAGE TO FREEDOM 7 (V) Mrs S Lamyman 11-10-10 D Telfer

7-4 Calmata, 9-4 Mr-Paw, 4-1 Crafty Chaplain, 6-1 Oh Mother, 10-1 Maureen's Fancy, 14-1 Strong Silver, 20-1 others.

7.35 BOB KETT HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,540: 2m 3f 110yd) (16)

1 2112 BAY TERN 7 (F,G,S) T Dyer 7-11-10 P Harley
2 05-0 NEGATORY 7 (C,G,S) M Chapman 6-10-9 W Worthington
3 0601 SASKIA'S REPRIEVE 5 (F,B,S) J Bottomley 9-10-4 (5ex) R Marley
4 415P WHAT IF 5 (C,F,G,S) O Brennan 9-10-2 M Brennan
5 3403 JOHN SHAW 7 (G) R O'Leary 5-10-0 L Wyer
6 0522 THARSIS 5 (G) W Smith 8-10-0 S Taylor (7)
7 4126 COSMIC RAY 31 (F,G,S) Mrs V Aconley 8-10-0 C Woodall (7)
8 2431 WHITEWEBB 7 (G,S) B Murray 6-10-0 M A Fitzgerald
9 0035 SECRET LIASON 9 (BF,G) K Bridgwater 7-10-0 D Bridgwater
10 5400 BORN BRIDGE 9 (V,F,S) T Caldwell 7-10-0 Pat Caldwell
11 0400 STROKED AGAIN 5 (C,F) B Richmond 8-10-0 A Maguire
12 5131 MAGIC BLOOM 5 (F,G) A Stringer 7-10-0 (6ex) A Larnach (5)
13 030 INFERRING 2F J Wainwright 5-10-0 Sue Armytage
14 6P25 DANCING DAYS 5 (B,G) J Parkes 7-10-0 N Smith
15 1212 STATION EXPRESS 7 (BF,F,G) B Ellison 5-10-0 —
16 33P- NEWMARKET SAUSAGE 627 (F,G,S) T Kersey 12-10-0 Susan Kersey

11-4 Bay Tern, 7-2 Saskia's Reprieve, 4-1 Whitewebb, 11-2 John Shaw, 8-1 What If, Negatory, 12-1 others.

8.05 YORKSHIRE RACING CLUB NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,065: 2m 4f) (5)

1 1132 BOARDING SCHOOL 10 (F,G,S) C Parker 6-11-10 C Grant
2 5102 SCOTTISH REFORM 5 (D,BF,S) J J O'Neill 6-11-7 A Maguire
3 5P04 HELMAR 74 (S) F Jordan 7-10-8 R Supple
4 3052 HAWWAR 29 (B) Mrs A King 6-10-8 R Dunwoody
5 40-4 WEST LODGE LADY 54 N Thomson 8-10-8 J Neaves (7)

4-5 Boarding School, 2-1 Scottish Reform, 5-1 Hawwar, 10-1 Helmar, 16-1 West Lodge Lady.

8.35 END OF TERM HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,665: 2m 6f 110yd) (15)

1 P541 TRI FOLENE 33 (V,F,G,S) M Pipe 7-11-10 R Dunwoody
2 4136 STEPFASTER 5 (C,F,G) Miss L Siddall 8-10-13 Mr A Thornton (3)
3 1PFP SANDSTONE ARCH 33 (D,F) T Caldwell 10-10-12 Pat Caldwell
4 1P42 PRY'S-JOY 5 (F,G,S) F Murphy 9-10-8 A Maguire
5 40P3 INTO THE TREES 10 (C,F,S) R Tate 9-10-7 Mrs F Needham
6 5P42 MISS FERN 15 (F,G,S) R Dickin 8-10-3 D Meredith (3)
7 -2PP CORRAVORRIN 8 (F) S Christian 8-10-3 M A Fitzgerald
8 U2U3 LAPIAFFE 3 (D,F,G,S) A Hanson 9-10-3 S Taylor (7)
9 2434 GLASS MOUNTAIN 3 (B,C,F,G) J White 11-10-1 M Brennan
10 FPP2 RED COLUMBIA 5 (G,S) F Coton 12-10-0 Mrs G Addis
11 3P24 LOCAL CUSTOMER 16 (D) P Bradley 8-10-0 W Humphreys
12 3135 PORTAVOGIE 5 (B,BF,F,G,S) C Parker 9-10-0 Mr D Parker (7)
13 3604 ANOTHER CORNER 5 (D,F,G,S) T Donnelly 10-10-0 Mr R Armson
14 0P54 MAJIC RAIN 5 (G) G Coatsworth 8-10-0 A Merrigan
15 0PP6 DRY GIN 5 (C,F,S) M Chapman 10-10-0 W Worthington

11-4 Tri Folene, 4-1 Miss Fern, 5-1 Stepfaster, 6-1 Portavogie, 7-1 Lapiaffe, 8-1 Red Columbia, 10-1 others.

9.05 SEASONS OVER NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,302: 2m 5f 110yd) (12)

1 1211 HIGHLAND SPIRIT 25 (C,F,G) M Pipe 5-11-7 R Dunwoody
2 6001 BE MY HABITAT 31 (F,S) Miss L Siddall 4-11-6 Mr A Thornton (3)
3 0005 ALEX THUSCOMBE 5 Mrs S Lamyman 5-11-2 D Telfer
4 3-F CLASSIC CONTACT 9 N Mason 7-11-2 J Supple (7)
5 P635 GEN-TECH 5 (V) T Caldwell 6-11-2 Pat Caldwell
6 50P4 LOUIS FARRELL 9 D Wintle 6-11-2 Mr S Blackwell
7 00/4 MACMURPHY 7 A Thomson 6-11-2 C Grant
8 0-0P QUEENS TOUR 54 T Kersey 8-11-2 Susan Kersey
9 23P6 TRONCHETTO 6 (B,D,F) J J O'Neill 4-11-2 G McCourt
10 2110 MISTIC GLEN 15F (D,F,S) J Parkes 4-11-1 A Maguire
11 0/PP SPERRIN VIEW 3 J Siemens 7-10-11 M Ahern
12 440P ALIZARI 5 C Smith 4-10-10 M Robinson

4-9 Highland Spirit, 7-2 Be My Habitat, 8-1 Tronchetto, 14-1 Mistic Glen, 16-1 Classic Contact, 25-1 Macmurphy, Queens Tour, 33-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 20 winners from 52 runners, 38.5%; I Campbell, 5 from 23, 21.7%; R O'Leary, 4 from 28, 14.3%; J J O'Neill, 4 from 29, 13.8%; O Brennan, 15 from 122, 12.3%. Only qualifiers.

JOCKEYS: K Johnson, 8 winners from 34 rides, 23.5%; C Grant, 18 from 89, 20.2%; L Wyer, 14 from 68, 20.6%; R Campbell, 5 from 29, 17.2%; M Brennan, 19 from 140, 13.6%; Gary Lyons, 7 from 57, 12.3%.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Epsom

Going: good

2.00 (6f) 1, PERUSAL (J Reid, 5-2); 2, Shepherd Market (L Piggott, 6-4 fav); 3, Northern Celadon (P Robinson, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 8 Selhurstpark Flyer, 12 March Of Time (5th), 16 Norisk'menager, 33 Pamaso (4th), Asking For Aces (6th), 50 Star Speeder. 9 ran. 1l, 1l, hd, 6l, 3½l. R Hannon at Marlborough. Tote: £3.40; £1.40, £1.40, £1.60. DF: £3.10. Trio: £4.40. CSF: £6.39. 1min 10.75sec. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

2.30 (1m 114yd) 1, BARBOUKH (Pat Eddery, 9-4 fav); 2, Eye Witness (A Munro, 16-1); 3, Serotina (L Dettori, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Kapuchka (6th), 7-2 Akhlak (5th), 9 Abbraak (4th), 10 Hazy Kay. 7 ran. Nk, 2½l, sh hd, 3l, 4l. D Elsworth at Whitsbury. Tote: £2.80; £1.80, £3.10. DF: £29.80. CSF: £30.17. 1min 45.12sec.

3.05 (1m 2f 18yd) 1, SCULLER (Pat Eddery, 100-30 fav); 2, Ecu De France (W Ryan, 8-1); 3, Don't Jump (P Robinson, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Exhibit Air (4th), Bay Queen (6th), 8 Dyab (5th), Top Pet, 16 Fashionable Dancer. 8 ran. ¾l, 3½l, 3½l, 1½l, 5l. H. Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £3.20; £1.60, £2.70, £2.10. DF: £16.80. Trio: £50.90. CSF: £25.58. Tricast: £161.62. 2min 7.05sec.



Huntingdon: Epsom win

3.40 (1m 4f 10yd) 1, WELSH MILL (A Munro, 10-1); 2, Duke Of Eurolink (R Cochrane, 15-8 fav); 3, Night Clubbing (T Quinn, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Turgenev (5th), 11-2 Roll A Dollar (4th), 12 Song Of Sixpence (6th). 6 ran. 2½l, 2l, 3½l, 2½l, 3½l. Lord Huntingdon at West Ilsley. Tote: £11.00; £3.40, £1.70. DF: £13.60. CSF: £28.25. 2min 37.18sec.

4.10 (6f) 1, RUNNING GLIMPSE (M Roberts, 5-1 jt-fav); 2, Samsolom (J Quinn, 10-1); 3, Bellsecret (T Quinn, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 5 jt-fav Fay's Song, 6 Duplicity (5th), 15-2 Gorinsky (4th), 8 Green Dollar, 9 Assignment, 11 Aughfad (6th), 12 Bodari, 33 Royal Roller. 11 ran. 1½l, ¾l, 1½l, 1l, nk. Miss B Sanders at Epsom. Tote: £5.90; £2.20, £2.10, £3.10. DF: £35.80. Trio: £115.10. CSF: £49.45. Tricast: £360.50. 1min 8.43sec.

4.45 (1m 114yd) 1, QUICK SILVER BOY (J Reid, 4-5 fav); 2, Pirates Gold (Dale Gibson, 11-10). 2 ran. NR: Conspicuous. 4l. D Burchell. Tote: £1.30. 1min 46.68sec.

Jackpot: £14,526.20 (0.3 winning tickets. Pool of £14,323.59 carried forward to Epsom today).
Placepot: £27.90.

Catterick Bridge

Going: good (good to soft home bend)

2.20 (5f) 1, EVENING FALLS (K Darley, 16-1); 2, Certificate-X (Dean McKeown, 6-4); 3, Kayderal (M Birch, 5-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 15-2 Bold Time Monkey (4th), 16 Coney Hills (6th), 25 Ballard Ring (5th). 6 ran. 2l, 3½l, 2l, 5l, 10l. J Spearing at Alcester. Tote: £13.40; £3.20, £1.80. DF: £30.30. CSF: £36.50.

2.50 (1m 4f 44yd) 1, KINOKO (K Darley, 15-8); 2, Bold Ambition (J Lowe, 9-4); 3, Bigwheel Bill (M Birch, 7-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 16 Super Blues (4th). 4 ran. 2l, 2l, 1½l. K Hogg on Isle of Man. Tote: £2.90. DF: £3.00. CSF: £5.85.

3.20 (1m 5f 175yd) 1, GOODBYE MILLIE (O Pears, 11-8 fav); 2, Mountain Willow (J Fortune, 9-2), 3, Mrs Snuggs (S Mulvey, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 5 Dig In The Ribs (6th), 12 Nancy (5th), 25 On Broadway (4th), 50 Astrac Trio. 7 ran. Nk, 1½l, 1l, 3l, 6l. S Norton at Barnsley. Tote: £2.30; £1.80, £2.20. DF: £5.20. CSF: £7.58.

3.50 (5f) 1, CALL ME I'M BLUE (M Birch, 5-1); 2, First Option (K Darley, 3-1); 3, Magic Orb (Dean McKeown, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Coconut Johnny (4th), 11-2 Local Heroine (6th), 20 Chanty Express (5th). 6 ran. 4l, 2½l, 2l, 1½l, 1½l. N Tinkler at Malton. Tote: £5.70; £2.60, £2.00. DF: £11.00. CSF: £18.57.

4.20 (1m 4f 44yd) 1, DUPLICATE (M Birch, 5-4 fav); 2, Flaming Miracle (C Rutter, 7-4); 3, Tyfran (S Perks, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Solo Charter (4th), 8 Share A Moment (5th), 66 Bargee (6th), 100 Nashoon. 7 ran. 2l, 1½l, ½l, 1½l, dist. M H Easterby at Great Habton. Tote: £2.50; £1.90, £1.70. DF: £2.10. CSF: £3.67.

4.50 (5f 212yd) 1, KILLY'S FILLY (J Carroll, 7-1); 2, Face The Future (M Birch, 9-2 fav); 3, Sobering Thoughts (O Pears, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Parfait Amour (5th), Mu-Arrik (6th), 7 Master Pokey, 8 Maroc Monarch (4th), 14 Bell Lad, 25 Company Cash, Don't Tell Jean, 33 Meeson Times, 50 Zinger. 12 ran. Sh hd, 1½l, 1½l, sh hd, hd. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £4.30; £2.00, £2.30, £1.90. DF: £10.40. CSF: £35.75. Tricast: £183.70.

Placepot: £102.00.

Southwell

Going: standard

2.25 (5f) 1, Golden Grand (D Biggs, Evens fav); 2, Access Advantage (6-1); 3, Trendy Dancer (15-2). 11 ran. ¾l, ½l. R Williams. Tote: £1.90; £1.20, £2.10, £2.00. DF: £4.20. CSF: £8.52.

3.00 (1m) 1, Land O'Lakes (G Duffield, 6-4 fav); 2, Legal Risk (11-4); 3, Charlie Bigtime (4-1). 8 ran. 1½l, 2l. M Prescott. Tote: £1.90; £1.10, £1.80. DF: £3.40. CSF: £5.61.

3.30 (1m) 1, Mohican Brave (K Fallon, 9-4); 2, Backstabber (2-1 fav); 3, Nellie's Gamble (7-2). 7 ran. 1l, 10l. Jimmy Fitzgerald. Tote: £3.10; £1.30, £1.40. DF: £2.70. CSF: £7.17.

4.00 (7f) 1, Highborn (G Hind, 6-5 fav); 2, Sandmoor Denim (3-1); 3, Lord Naskra (7-2). 6 ran. 5l, 10l. P Felgate. Tote: £2.10; £1.40, £1.50. DF: £3.50. CSF: £5.28.

4.30 (6f) 1, Miss Whittingham (G Carter, 100-30); 2, Prince Songline (11-4 fav); 3, Stardust Express (11-2). 9 ran. NR: General Brooks. 2½l, sh hd. J Berry. Tote: £4.10; £1.80, £1.20, £1.90. DF: £5.50. CSF: £11.96. Tricast: £41.95.

5.00 (1m 4f) 1, Hasten To Add (G Duffield, 8-11 fav); 2, My Harvinski (7-2); 3, Marathia (100-30). 4 ran. 8l, 6l. M Prescott. Tote: £2.00. DF: £2.60. CSF: £3.53.

5.30 (5f) 1, Moving Image (C Dwyer, 2-1); 2, Kildee Lad (9-1); 3, Comet Whirlpool (7-1). Sabo The Hero 6-4 fav. 7 ran. 1l, ¾l. H Collingridge. Tote: £2.90; £1.80, £3.40. DF: £55.10. CSF: £20.22.

Placepot: £4.60.

Huntingdon rewarded for enterprise on VAT

TRAINER Lord Huntingdon unearthed a VAT loophole to keep Welsh Mill in Britain and the homework was rewarded with an Epsom victory yesterday.

Under an enterprising ride from Alan Munro, the 10-1 chance soon had the rest at full stretch in the Sun Life of Canada Northern Dancer Handicap, winning by 2½ lengths.

At one stage he looked more likely to be competing on the Paris tracks. Owners Lord Weinstock and Simon Weinstock intended sending him to be trained by John Hammond because of the VAT which, until recently, was imposed on training fees.

Before Norman Lamont made it possible for owners to register for VAT exemption, Huntingdon came up with a plan to keep the horse which involved a day trip to Ireland. "There was a loophole in regulations, a perfectly legal one, for horses costing less than £36,000," he said. "Welsh Mill was sent to Ireland and re-imported which meant he escaped VAT."

Having won carrying 6lb more than his true mark, Welsh Mark is likely to be punished by the handicapper. Huntingdon will run him under a penalty in the Newcastle Brown Ale Northumberland Plate.

French invaders look too powerful for limited home defence in Oaks

Wemyss Bight set to hoist tricolour

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

ANDRE Fabre holds the key to this afternoon's Energizer Oaks as I believe his two runners, Wemyss Bight and Intrepidity, stand head and shoulders above a moderate crop of English-trained fillies.

The master French trainer, who tasted English classic success with the mighty Zafonic in the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket, has no peer when it comes to winning group one events in Europe. Last year he captured 13 such races.

Intrepidity, owned by Shaikh Mohammed, boasts group one winning form having won the Prix Saint-Alary two weeks ago, following a listed success at Longchamp where she beat the subsequent French 1,000 Guineas winner, Madeleine's Dream. The one reservation concerns her stamina. Although her dam, Intrepid Lady, won over a mile and a half, most of her offspring have been speedy. Interestingly, the Oaks is Intrepidity's only pattern entry over 12 furlongs.

With the ground drying out at Epsom, I fear Intrepidity greatly, but just prefer the beautifully-bred Wemyss Bight. Out of a Mill Reef mare, she is by Dancing Brave, who could create a unique breeding record this weekend. The 1986 Arc winner sired White Muzzle, winner of the Italian Derby last Sunday, Commander In Chief, Wednesday's Epsom victor, and Regency, the strong favourite for tomorrow's French Derby.

The key to separating the two Fabre fillies involves lines of form through Alice Springs and, more importantly, Dancienne, who was four lengths behind Wemyss Bight at Saint-Cloud in April but only a length behind Intrepidity in the Prix Saint-Alary.

Richard Evans

Nap: FLORAC
(5.40 Epsom)
Next best: Wemyss Bight
(4.05 Epsom)

Wemyss Bight did not impress everyone with the manner of her success last time when she pulled hard. However, her preparation for the race was slightly rushed after it was decided to come for today's race rather than the French equivalent. She is certain to be suited by today's extra distance and is likely to appreciate today's faster ground, which she has not encountered before. More significantly, the likely strong pace will enable Pat Eddery to settle Wemyss Bight during the early stages.

Of the English-trained runners, I expect Yawl to prove the biggest threat. If ever a trainer deserved an Oaks victory it is Barry Hills, who has been in the frame with Aureoletta, Slightly Dangerous, Last Feather and Poquito Queen. The saddle slipped on Dibidale when she was travelling like a winner, while Durtal was withdrawn from the race when favourite after hurting herself on the way to the start.

Victory for Yawl would also be a wonderful boost for the traditional owner-breeder in Britain. Dick Hollingsworth bred the filly from Bireme, who won the Oaks for him in 1980.

Despite not being fully wound up, Yawl ran a race full of promise in the Lupe Stakes at Goodwood behind Gisarne, whose stamina limitations are likely to be exposed here.

Bashayer worked well over 11 furlongs this week and, with Dick Hern now among the winners, she can finish ahead of Marillette, the Musidora Stakes winner.


Classic favourite: Yawl and Darryll Holland head the betting for the Oaks

The rest of the Epsom card looks tricky although the booking of Michael Roberts for **Florac** in the final race, the Ebbisham Handicap, looks significant, especially as Michael Heaton-Ellis's runner should appreciate today's step up in distance and return to his own age group.

At Haydock, **Langtry Lady** is a sporting selection to beat Moorish in the Weaver Handicap now that she is running over a more suitable trip.

Louisville Belle can take advantage of a drop in class to capture the Mercury Race Night Fillies' Handicap at Leicester this evening, while **Somus** is taken to land the feature event, the Leicester Mercury Stakes.

BIG RACE LINE-UP

4.05 ENERGIZER OAKS C4
(Group I: 3-Y-O fillies: £147,500: 1m 4f 10yd) (14 runners)

401 (3) 3105-1 ABURY 31 (F) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 ... J Reid 83
402 (2) 3221-2 ALOUETTE 34 (BF,G) (Miss K Rausing) J Bolger (Ire) 9-0 ... C Roche 79
403 (11) 1-02 BASHAYER 31 (BF,F) (H Al-Maktoum) W Hern 9-0 ... W Carson 82
404 (10) 5420-35 BOBBIE DEE 28 (Mrs N Duffield) D Elsworth 9-0 ... J Williams 77
405 (6) 11 GISARNE 17 (F,G) (Racing Welfare) J Dunlop 9-0 ... C Asmussen 91
406 (7) 531-564 GROVE DAFFODIL 25 (V,G) (P Betts (Holdings) Ltd) M Tompkins 9-0 P Robinson 73
407 (9) 1-11 INTREPIDITY 13 (F,G,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) A Fabre (Fr) 9-0 ... M Roberts 93
408 (12) 134-2 IVIZA 25 (G) (Shaikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0 ... R Cochrane 87
409 (13) 15150-1 MARILLETTE 25 (F,G,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 ... L Piggott 91
410 (1) 6-121 OAKMEAD 28 (D,F,G) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 ... L Dettori 77
411 (14) 1-03 ROYAL BALLERINA 14 (G) (M Haga) M Kauntze (Ire) 9-0 ... W J O'Connor 76
412 (4) 14-13 SUEBOOG 25 (BF,G) (M Obaida) C Brittain 9-0 ... W R Swinburn 89
413 (5) 1-11 WEMYSS BIGHT 22 (S) (K Abdulla) A Fabre (Fr) 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 99
414 (8) 311-2 YAWL 17 (BF,F,S) (R Hollingsworth) B Hills 9-0 ... D Holland 96

BETTING: 7-2 Yawl, 5-1 Intrepidity, 11-2 Wemyss Bight, 7-1 Marillette, 8-1 Sueboog, 10-1 Bashayer, 12-1 Oakmead, 20-1 Abury, Alouette, Gisarne, Iviza, 33-1 Royal Ballerina, 100-1 Bobbie Dee, 200-1 Grove Daffodil.

1992: USER FRIENDLY 9-0 G Duffield (5-1) C Brittain 7 ran

Form guide to the 14 runners

ABURY
May 5, Chester, good to firm, (8-11) beat BASHAYER (8-11) a head (1m 3f 79yd, listed, £23,815, 6 ran).
Sep 26, Ascot, soft, see IVIZA.
Sep 9, Doncaster, good, see MARILLETTE.

ALOUETTE
May 2, Gowran Park, good to yielding: (8-9) short-head 2nd to Skipo (8-7) (1m 1f 11yd, conditions, £5,250, 5 ran).
Oct 24, good to yielding: (9-0) beat Tarakana (9-0) a head (1m, maiden, £5,520, 8 ran).
Oct 10, the Curragh, yielding: (9-0) 2½l 2nd to Nicea (9-0) (7f, maiden, £5,520, 17 ran)

BASHAYER
May 2, Chester, good to firm: see ABURY.
Apr 13, Newmarket, good: (8-9) 8l 7th to Niche (9-0) (7f, group III, £21,961, 8 ran)
Oct 15, Newmarket, good to firm: (8-9) beat Silverdale (9-0) 2½l (1m, maiden, £5,010, 19 ran)

BOBBIE DEE
May 8, Lingfield, good to firm: see OAKMEAD.
Apr 29, Salisbury, good: (8-2) 5l 2nd to Soviet Line (9-0) (1m 2f, conditions, £3,348, 6 ran)
Nov 22, Capannelle, heavy: (8-8) 28l 11th to Wootton Rivers (8-11) (1m 2f, group II, £34,886, 12 ran).

GISARNE
May 19, Goodwood, good to firm: (8-11) beat YAWL (9-3) a head (1m 2f, listed, £14,230, 7 ran).
May 1, Haydock, good, (8-11) beat Licorne (8-11) 1½l (1m 2f 130yd, maiden, £3,525, 7 ran)

GROVE DAFFODIL
May 11, York, good to soft: see MARILLETTE.
Apr 30, Newmarket, good: (7-13) 6l 6th to Shamam (8-10) (1m, handicap, £8,160, 11 ran)
Apr 13, Newmarket, good: (8-6) 3½l 5th to Tychonic (8-1) (7f, handicap, £5,481, 13 ran).

INTREPIDITY
May 23, Longchamp, good to firm, (9-2) beat Dancienne (9-2) 1l (1m 2f, group I, £61,302, 7 ran).
Apr 12, Longchamp, good to soft: (8-9) beat Alice Springs (8-9) ½l (1m 1f, listed, £14,337, 11 ran).
Nov 2, Maisons-Laffitte, yielding: (9-2) beat Zigreen (9-2) 2½l (1m, conditions, £6,166, 7 ran).

IVIZA
May 11, York, good to soft: see MARILLETTE.
Oct 10, Ascot, good to soft: (8-6) 3½l 4th to Taos (8-11) (1m, listed, £11,453, 9 ran).
Sep 26, Ascot, soft: (8-10) 4½l 3rd to Ivanka (8-10), with ABURY (8-10) 1½l 5th (1m, group I, £93,105, 8 ran).

MARILLETTE
May 11, York, good to soft (8-10) beat IVIZA (8-8) 1l, with SUEBOOG (8-12) 1l 3rd and GROVE DAFFODIL (8-8) 6l 4th (1m 2f 85yd, group III £25,003, 5 ran)
Oct 24, Doncaster, good to soft (8-9) 22l 9th to Armiger (9-0) (1m, group I, £104,396, 10 ran)
Oct 4, Longchamp, heavy (8-11) 4½l 5th to Gold Splash (8-11) (1m, group I, £82,220, 11 ran)
Sep 9, Doncaster, good (8-8) beat Self Assured (8-8) 3l, with BOBBIE DEE (8-8) 3½l 4th and ABURY (8-8) 3½l 7th (1m, group III, £16,236, 12 ran)

OAKMEAD
May 8, Lingfield, good to firm (8-9) beat Talented (8-9) a neck, with BOBBIE DEE (8-9) 14½l 6th (1m 3f 106yd, listed £10,283, 6 ran)
May 1, Newmarket, good (8-08) 3½l 2nd to Commander In Chief (8-13) (1m 4f, conditions, £4,553, 5 ran)
Apr 13, Newmarket, good (8-9) beat Hatham Tam (9-0) 2½l (1m 4f, maiden, £3,623, 10 ran).

ROYAL BALLERINA
May 22, the Curragh, yielding (8-8) 3½l 3rd to Hushang (8-11) (1m 2f, listed, £8,625, 9 ran)
Apr 17, Leopardstown, good to soft (8-8) beaten over 12l when 8th to Shandon Lake (8-11) (1m 2f, conditions, £8,625, 9 ran)
Oct 7, Gowran Park, good to yielding (8-11) beat Snissipi (9-0) 1l (1m maiden, £3,450, 16 ran)

SUEBOOG
May 11, York, good to soft see MARILLETTE
Apr 16, Newbury, good (9-0) beat Ribbonwood (9-0) 3½l (7f 64yd, group III, £23,463, 7 ran)
Oct 16, Newmarket, good to firm (8-9) 4½l 4th to Zafonic (9-0) (7f, group I, £95,052, 11 ran)

WEMYSS BIGHT
May 14, Saint-Cloud, soft: (9-0) beat Bright Moon (8-9) a short head (1m 2f 110yd, group III, £23,895, 9 ran)
Apr 16, Saint-Cloud, good to soft (8-9) beat Dancienne (8-9) 4l (1m 2f 110yd, group III, £22,475, 7 ran)
Nov 6, Maisons-Laffitte, good to soft (9-1) beat Oubeva (9-1) 5l (1m 1f, conditions, £7,977, 7 ran)

YAWL
May 19, Goodwood, good to firm, see GISARNE.
Oct 16, Newmarket, good to firm, (8-8) beat Queen's View (8-8) ¾l (7f, group III, £13,720, 7 ran).
Oct 3, Newmarket, good to soft (8-9) beat Rumpus (8-9) 8l (7f, conditions, £5,952, 6 ran)

Selection: YAWL

Meticulous Fabre skilfully plays classic hand


Fabre: impressive list of big victories

By Julian Muscat

THE fierce sporting rivalry between thoroughbreds owned by Khaled Abdulla and Shaikh Mohammed is a regular feature of the Turf. Both men have established a blueprint for success, yet in its implementation, their choice of British trainers has rarely overlapped.

In France the picture is different. The struggle for supremacy has seen both of these patrons place their trust in the same man, Andre Fabre. And Fabre has been repaying them in kind ever since.

A qualified lawyer, Fabre has built up an impressive sequence of big-race victories since he transferred his allegiance from French jump racing less than 15 years ago. Today, he attempts to enhance his growing reputation in this country with a two-fisted assault on the Oaks. Wemyss Bight carries Abdulla's silks, while Intrepidity carries those of Shaikh Mohammed.

The two fillies are unbeaten and have similar credentials: the choice between them is therefore hazardous. Asked for guidance, Fabre, son of a diplomat, reveals he has clearly inherited much of his father's skill.

"They're impossible to compare as they are different types," he offers. "Wemyss Bight is sure to stay whereas Intrepidity has more speed. Both are lazy workers, especially Intrepidity, who has an ideal racing temperament."

The form book narrowly points to Wemyss Bight, and Fabre concedes Intrepedity has a slight question mark surrounding her stamina. "Her dam won a maiden over 1½ miles even though there is a lot of speed in her family," he said, "but I am not too concerned as her sire, Sadler's Wells, gets horses that stay well."

This is Fabre's first Oaks challenge. Toulon and Zafonic are his two British classic winners to date, while Hunting Hawk bids to win the trainer his first Jockey-Club tomorrow afternoon.

A master of understatement, he says: "It is a nice position to be in, but winning is what counts."

As someone who has been his country's champion trainer in each of the last six seasons, Fabre, a meticulous long-range planner, has got to know that winning feeling rather well.

EPSOM

THUNDERER
2.15 Bitter's End
2.45 Jeypore Jo
3.15 Ribhi
4.05 YAWL (nap)
4.40 Circus Colours
5.10 Helios
5.40 Petonellajill

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.05 Marillette.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.05 WEMYSS BIGHT.

GOING: GOOD SIS
DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST; 7F-1M 114YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.15 EVER READY MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,230: 7f) (6 runners)
101 (1) 0-3033 BITTER'S END 7 (BF) (B Lalemant) R Hannon 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 89
102 (5) 060-3 COALISLAND 11 (P McMahon) R Ingram 9-0 ... A McGlone 81
103 (3) HOME SAFE (B Hudson) J Akehurst 9-0 ... T Quinn —
104 (4) 0- KNIGHT OF SHALOT 365 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 ... J Reid —
105 (2) 0 MISS COPYFORCE 28 (Copyforce Ltd) Miss B Sanders 8-9 ... W Newnes —
106 (6) 5440-0 DARE SPARROW 31 (Mrs H Keswick) P Walwyn 8-9 ... M Hills 77
BETTING: 5-4 Bitter's End, 7-2 Coalisland, 4-1 Dare Sparrow, 5-1 Knight Of Shalot, 14-1 others.
1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

2.45 ENERGIZER MAIDEN STAKES C4
(2-Y-O: £4,386: 5f) (11 runners)
201 (8) 6 JEYPORE JO 10 (Lord & Lady Roborough) W Jarvis 9-0 ... J Reid 78
202 (1) 025 MAKE THE BREAK 29 (Mrs J Regler) R Hannon 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 91
203 (4) 05 MONSIEUR PETONG 11 (E Fenaroli) M Channon 9-0 ... P Robinson 81
204 (7) CANASKA DANCER (Mrs J Sifton) P Kelleway 8-11 ... A Munro —
205 (2) REGAL RAMBLER (D Barker) G Lewis 8-11 ... D Harrison (3) —
206 (10) ROXANIAN (Mrs E Mitchell) M Heaton-Ellis 8-11 ... D Holland —
207 (3) 020 GRANMAS DELIGHT 10 (F Lipscomb) K Ivory 8-9 ... M Roberts 88
208 (9) 0024 JUST GREENWICH 17 (B) (E Penfold) T Mills 8-9 ... L Dettori 99
209 (5) 00 ZORAHAYDA 7 (B Pesnick) G Moore 8-9 ... B Rouse 85
210 (6) DANCES WITH RISK (Reldvale Ltd) G Lewis 8-6 ... M Hills —
211 (11) KOONDONA LADY (Mrs A Hamilton) A Jarvis 8-6 ... D Wright (7) —
BETTING: 5-2 Make The Break, 7-2 Jeypore Jo, 4-1 Dances With Risk, 6-1 Just Greenwich, 8-1 others.
1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS
JEYPORE JO 9l 6th of 17 to Governor George in a maiden at Newbury (5f, good to soft), with GRANMAS DELIGHT 1l 8th. MAKE THE BREAK 1½l 2nd of 10 to Valiant Man in a maiden at Kempton on penultimate start (5f, soft). GRANMAS DELIGHT neck 2nd of 15 to Risible Things in a seller at Lingfield on penultimate start (5f, good to firm).
JUST GREENWICH neck 2nd of 11 to Bid For Blue in a maiden at Brighton on penultimate start (5f 110yd, firm).
Selection: JEYPORE JO

3.15 ENERGIZER HANDICAP C4
(3-Y-O: £10,885: 1m 114yd) (10 runners)
301 (8) 016-03 GUSTAVIA 12 (G) (Mrs R Armstrong) R Armstrong 9-11 ... L Dettori 89
302 (4) 414-210 SHAMAM 23 (G) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 9-5 ... W R Swinburn 95
303 (6) 62541-5 JACKPOT STAR 49 (S) (NTC (Racing) Ltd) R Hannon 9-3 ... Pat Eddery 90
304 (1) 3124-14 RIBHI 42 (D,F) (H Al-Maktoum) D Morley 9-0 ... W Carson 96
305 (2) 15006-6 DIGPAST 16 (G) (Sir Eric Parker) R Akehurst 9-0 ... T Quinn 97
306 (5) 3422-56 ALDERNEY PRINCE 49 (F) (F Salman) P Cole 8-13 ... A Munro 94
307 (10) 10-6 FORTHWITH 29 (S) (L Ward) J Hills 8-12 ... M Hills 96
308 (7) 533-03 PRINCESS TATEUM 8 (J Good) M Channon 8-1 ... P Robinson 98
309 (9) 004-651 FIVEOFIVE 10 (F) (T Foreman) N Callaghan 7-7 ... N Carlisle 99
310 (3) 00500-0 LOCHORE 33 (L Devane) R Ingram 7-7 ... N Adams 88
Long handicap: Lochore 7-2
BETTING: 9-2 Ribhi, 5-1 Digpast, Fiveofive, 6-1 Jackpot Star, 8-1 Forthwith, Shamam, 10-1 others.
1992: MARABELLA STAR 8-7 W Ryan (7-1) H Cecil 10 ran

FORM FOCUS
SHAMAM beat Walsam a neck in an 11-runner handicap at Newmarket on penultimate start (1m, good). JACKPOT STAR 17l 5th of 6 to Newton's Law in a conditions race at Newbury (1m 3f, good), with ALDERNEY PRINCE (2lb better off) 8l 6th. RIBHI beat Hi Nod 5l in a 6-runner handicap at Beverley on penultimate start (1m 110yd, good to firm). DIGPAST 5¾l 6th of 14 to Cheveux Mitchell in a handicap at Goodwood (7f, good to firm). FORTHWITH 4½l 6th of 8 to Winged Victory in a conditions race at Lingfield (7f, good to firm). FIVEOFIVE beat Precious Air neck in a 9-runner handicap at Brighton (1m, firm).
Selection: FIVEOFIVE (nap)

4.05 ENERGIZER OAKS C4
(Group I: 3-Y-O fillies: £147,500: 1m 4f 10yd) (14 runners)
FOR RUNNERS AND RIDERS - SEE ABOVE

4.40 ENERGIZER RATED STAKES C4
(3-Y-O: £6,016: 1m 4f 10yd) (6 runners)
501 (6) 1550-01 EMPIRE POOL 23 (F) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 9-7 ... A Munro 91
502 (2) 6-3142 LIJAAM 22 (D,S) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) A Scott 9-1 ... W. R Swinburn 93
503 (3) 03-201 SUN OF SPRING 10 (F) (Shaikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-11 ... M Roberts 92
504 (4) 00-011 CIRCUS COLOURS 21 (D,G) J Dunlop 8-11 ... Pat Eddery 99
505 (1) 40-00 TOP RANK 31 (A McParland) M Pipe 8-10 ... L Dettori 87
506 (5) 21-2444 WARM SPELL 5 (G) (K Higson) R Simpson 8-7 ... B Rouse 88
BETTING: 7-4 Circus Colours, 3-1 Lijaam, 7-2 Sun Of Spring, 11-2 Empire Pool, 7-1 Warm Spell, 16-1 Top Rank.
1992: CRYSTAL CROSS 8-8 R Cochrane (15-2) I Balding 9 ran

FORM FOCUS
EMPIRE POOL beat Kusamba head in a 3-runner conditions race at Brighton (1m 2f, firm). LIJAAM neck 2nd of 12 to Night Clubbing in a handicap at Newbury (1m 4f, good).
SUN OF SPRING beat Ice Rebel 1l in a 6-runner maiden at Brighton (1m 2f, firm). CIRCUS COLOURS beat League Leader 1l in a 9-runner handicap at Newbury (1m 4f, good), with WARM SPELL (same terms) 1½l 4th.
TOP RANK 21l 13th of 14 to Major Yaasi in a handicap at Salisbury (1m 2f, firm). WARM SPELL 10¼l 4th of 5 to Dusty Point in a handicap at Chepstow (1m 4f, soft).
Selection: LIJAAM

5.10 ABBOTS HILL HANDICAP (£5,617: 7f) (17 runners)
601 (15) 0450-33 HERORA 15 (F,G) (Mrs L Graham) N Graham 4-10-0 ... M Roberts 96
602 (5) 60-2004 SO RHYTHMICAL 7 (D,F,G,S) (Miss C Barrow) G Eden 9-9-8 ... Pat Eddery 98
603 (16) 00-2106 SHIKARI'S SON 15 (D,F,G) (A Spargo) J White 6-9-5 ... P Robinson 94
604 (1) 10-0160 MILLSOLIN 10 (D,BF,G,S) (Normandy Developments) R Akehurst 5-9-5 ... T Quinn 96
605 (12) 0002-20 CAPE PIGEON 16 (D,BF,F,S) (E Gadsden) L Cottrell 8 9-5 ... A Munro 95
606 (9) 0624-02 HELIOS 16 (CD,F) (Mrs C Painting) R Simpson 5-9-5 ... J Reid 97
607 (4) 324300 INVOCATION 14 (D,G) (R Kiernan) A Moore 6-8-11 ... N Adams 99
608 (6) 02000-0 BELFORT RULER 7 (D,F) (B Gubby Ltd) B Gubby 6-8-9 ... W Newnes 87
609 (2) 066041 DOMICKSKY 10 (D,F,G,S) (M Watson) M Channon 5-8-8 ... W Carson 96
610 (7) 602-000 ACROSS THE BAY 16 (D,F,G,S) (J Redmond) S Dow 6-8-6 ... L Dettori 94
611 (10) 2320-0 SHARPTINO 7 (Mrs C Sparrowhawk) S Dow 4-8-5 ... B Russell (7) 86
612 (13) 020051 RURAL LAD 28 (D,F,G,S) (Vintage Racing) R Spicer 4-8-4 ... D Holland 93
613 (3) 430240 TYRIAN PURPLE 14 (D,F,G,S) (T O'Flaherty) T Naughton 5-8-4 ... B Doyle (3) 94
614 (14) 121335 SILKY SIREN 19 (BF,F,G) (S Nunn) M Pipe 4-8-3 ... D Harrison (3) 95
615 (17) 100156 NOBBY BARNES 2 (G) (T Riley-Smith) D Wilson 4-8-0 ... D McCabe (7) 95
616 (11) 0/0-0000 SLEEPLINE FANTASY 17 (D,F,G,S) (Guest Leasing Ltd) M Channon 8-7-7 N Carlisle 85
617 (8) 32004-4 ABSOLUTELY RIGHT 21 (BF,G) (Ms M Horan) J White 5-7-7 ... D Wright (7) 89
Long handicap: Sleepline Fantasy 7-5, Absolutely Right 7-0
BETTING: 7-1 Domicksky, Helios, 15-2 Millsolin, 8-1 Herora, 10-1 Cape Pigeon, Rural Lad, So Rhythmical, 12-1 Silky Siren, 14-1 Across The Bay, Nobby Barnes, Tyrian Purple, 20-1 Belfort Ruler, Shikari's Son, 25-1 Invocation, Sleepline Fantasy, 40-1 Sharptino, 50-1 Absolutely Right.
1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

5.40 EBBISHAM HANDICAP (3-Y-O fillies: £7,546: 7f) (11 runners)
1 (1) 050-21 PETONELLAJILL 17 (D,F) (Mrs J Cash) R Hannon 9-7 ... Pat Eddery 96
2 (8) 230-551 INDERAPUTERI 11 (D,F) (H H Sultan Ahmad Shah) Miss G Kelleway 9-7 A Munro 90
3 (2) 32105-2 FAIRY STORY 24 (D,G) (The Fairy Story Partnership) J Hills 9-3 ... D Holland 99
4 (11) 60406-4 NITOUCHE 35 (G) (Miss L Ward) A Hide 9-2 ... W R Swinburn 90
5 (9) 28121-0 PONTEVECCHIO MODA 15 (D,F,S) (The Five W's) W Jarvis 9-2 ... J Reid 90
6 (4) 010322 CHAMPAGNE GRANDY 7 (G) (Grandy Girls) M Channon 9-0 ... P Robinson 98
7 (7) 0000-1 FANFOLD 30 (D,F) (Miss J Smith) R Akehurst 8-12 ... T Quinn 89
8 (5) 2106-50 STORMY HEIGHTS 40 (F) (Miss E Colver) J Jenkins 8-9 ... L Dettori 95
9 (10) 5100-22 FLORAC 29 (BF,F) (M Howsmen) M Heaton-Ellis 8-6 ... M Roberts 97
10 (6) 260-323 RUNRIG 12 (Stallmore Racing) Miss L Perratt 8-1 ... A McGlone 95
11 (3) 060-03P DESERT NOMAD 7 (Eurostrait Ltd) S Dow 8-0 ... C Rutter 95
BETTING: 11-4 Champagne Grandy, 7-2 Petonellajill, 11-2 Fairy Story, 6-1 Florac, 7-1 Inderaputeri, 8-1 Fanfold, 12-1 Runrig, 16-1 Nitouche, Pontevecchio Moda, 20-1 others.
1992: PETITE-D-ARGENT 8-6 R Cochrane (5-1) Miss L Perratt 7 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wnrs	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Lord Huntingdon	4	12	33.3	R Cochrane	12	63	19.0
J Dunlop	4	19	21.1	W Carson	16	92	17.4
R Akehurst	9	52	17.3	M Roberts	20	117	17.1
M Stoute	7	42	16.7	L Dettori	7	43	16.3
D Elsworth	7	43	16.3	N Carlisle	3	20	15.0
P Walwyn	4	25	16.0	Pat Eddery	16	110	14.5

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

EPSOM
C4

2.45: A dreadful contest on a classic race day, where those that have run have shown only moderate form. The best of those is Richard Hannon's Make The Break, who was fifth behind High Domain at Lingfield, but unraced Canaska Dancer and **Regal Rambler** are preferred. However, this does not appeal as a betting medium.

3.15: A competitive handicap where few can be ignored. Pat Eddery takes over on another Hannon hopeful, **Jackpot Star**, after winning on Fiveofive at Brighton, and the return to a mile should suit having been dropped 8lb after his seasonal debut. Reg Akehurst's Digpast is the dark horse, having run in group company in Ireland last season. Ribhi would be a serious threat if he can reproduce the form of his Beverley victory.

4.05: See above.

4.40: After a slow start to the season, Lord Huntingdon has struck form with a vengeance and, following two winners at this meeting, can follow up with **Empire Pool**, who upset the odds laid on Kusama at Brighton last time out. The top weight look sure to be suited by this extra distance. Circus Colours and the front-running Lijaam look the dangers.

Richard Evans

EDINBURGH

THUNDERER
2.25 Kimbolton Korker. 2.55 John Naman. 3.25 Principal Player. 3.55 Palacegate Jo. 4.25 Lawnswood Junior. 4.55 Jazilah.

GOING: GOOD SIS
DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.25 GULLANE RATING RELATED MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (£2,725: 5f) (6 runners)
1 -003 MINSK 15 T Craig 7-9-2 ... G Duffield 4
2 040- UPPANCE 273 (B) T Craig 5-9-2 ... J Fanning 2
3 5354 DARDANELLE 7 W Barker 3-8-8 ... S Webster 1
4 0-63 KIMBOLTON KORKER 7 J Balding 3-8-8 ... S Whitworth 3
5 -803 RUSSIA WITH LOVE 17 (B) J Bethell 3-8-8 ... K Darley 5
6 -550 SENSABO 21 Mrs S Bradburne 3-8-8 ... R Havlin (7) 6
6-5 Russia With Love, 6-4 Kimbolton Korker, 6-1 Dardanelle, 8-1 Minsk, 12-1 Uppance, 25-1 Sensabo.

2.55 OCHIL HILLS CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,377: 1m 7f 16yd) (6)
1 KINCARDINE BRIDGE 44J Mrs S Bradburne 4-9-7 D Wilkinson 2
2 62-4 STINGRAY CITY 5 (CD,S) J Etherington 4-9-7 ... K Darley 6
3 0222 POST IMPRESSIONIST 15 (BF) J Pearce 4-8-10 ... G Duffield 5
4 CARDENDEN 23J Mrs S Bradburne 5-8-9 ... J Lowe 1
5 22-0 JOHN NAMAN 7J P Monteith 4-8-7 ... O Pears (5) 4
6 6500 LORD ADVOCATE 21 (V,G) M Naughton 5-8-5 V Halliday (7) 3
6-4 Post Impressionist, 2-1 Stingray City, 5-2 John Naman, 11-2 Lord Advocate, 33-1 Kincardine Bridge, Cardenden.

3.25 SHERATON GRAND CUP HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,551; 5f) (5)
1 1321 SHADOW JURY 12 (CD,F,G,S) D Chapman 9-7 ... K Darley 5
2 3214 PLUM FIRST 7 (B,D,F,S) N Bycroft 9-7 ... S Whitworth 2
3 0110 COVENT GARDEN GIRL 10 (D,BF,G,S) M W Easterby 8-11 ... T Lucas 3
4 6-06 PRINCIPAL PLAYER 12 (B) P Monteith 8-4 ... O Pears (5) 4
5 3603 SELVOLE 12 (B,CD,F) Miss L Perratt 7-7 ... J Fanning 1
2-1 Shadow Jury, 3-1 Plum First, 7-2 Covent Garden Girl, 4-1 Selvole, 5-1 Principal Player.

3.55 DON'T BLINK SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,274: 5f) (7)
1 6 PEASAN 15 P Monteith 8-11 ... K Darley 6
2 4005 SALTPETRE 21 M Brittain 8-11 ... M Wigham 7
3 06 WEST COAST 18 (B) G Moore 8-11 ... J Fanning 3
4 6 MACAROON LADY 15 N Bycroft 8-6 ... S Whitworth 4
5 222 PALACEGATE JO 18 (V) J Berry 8-6 ... J Carroll 1
6 06 RED GRIT 50 M Dods 8-6 ... J Lowe 2
7 350 XAMDIVAD 30 S Norton 8-6 ... O Pears (5) 5
6-4 Palacegate Jo, 7-2 Xamdivad, 6-1 Macaroon Lady, Saltpetre, 8-1 West Coast, 12-1 Red Grit, 16-1 Peasan.

4.25 ROTHMANS ROYALS NORTH SOUTH CHALLENGE SERIES (Handicap: £3,707: 1m 16yd) (12)
1 1200 GOLDEN CHIP 28 (D,BF,F,G) A Stringer 5-10-0 ... F Norton 2
2 0430 SAVAHRA SOUND 5 (F,G,S) S Norton 8-9-11 ... O Pears (5) 8
3 600- JUBRAN 234 (CD,F,G) M Johnston 7-9-5 ... J Carroll 8
4 0521 HABETA 10 (B,D,F,G) J Watts 7-9-0 ... G Duffield 7
5 0-40 AMERICAN HERO 9 (D,F) R Allan 5-8-13 ... M Wigham 11
6 0-04 LAWNSWOOD JUNIOR 9 (CD,F,S) J Spearing 6-8-10 K Darley 3
7 -524 INVERTIEL 19 (C,F) P Monteith 9-8-10 ... S D Williams (3) 10
8 -243 MCA BELOW THE LINE 10 (V,C,F,G) W Barker 5-8-10 ... S Webster 6
9 -546 THE DANDY DON 31 (BF) Denys Smith 4-8-1 ... J Lowe 1
10 000- VALLEY OF TIME 175J (C,F) T Craig 5-7-7 ... R Havlin (7) 5
11 0/00 SKOLERN 9 (F,G) A Harrison 9-7-7 ... J Fanning 12
12 0358 MISS HOSTESS 10 (B) T Craig 6-7-7 ... E Johnson 4
7-2 Lawnswood Junior, 9-2 Habeta, MCA Below The Line, 5-1 Invertiel, 7-1 American Hero, 8-1 Golden Chip, 10-1 Jubran, The Dandy Don, 12-1 others.

4.55 FISHERROW HANDICAP
(£2,765: 1m 3f 32yd) (9)
1 -214 JAZILAH 28 (F,G) Mrs M Reveley 5-10-0 ... F Norton 3
2 -640 TAKE BY STORM 14 (G) G Moore 4-9-6 ... K Darley 7
3 00-1 MEDIA MESSENGER 15 (S) Denys Smith 4-9-1 ... J Carroll 6
4 00-2 TELEPHUS 8 (F) B McMath 4-8-10 ... E Johnson 8
5 1114 SHAMSHOM AL ARAB 14 (F,S) S Norton 5-8-10 O Pears (5) 2
6 5004 TANODA 10 (F,G,S) M Brittain 7-8-1 ... G Duffield 1
7 403/ ASTURIAS 505J (B) A Stringer 10-7-11 ... J Lowe 4
8 5-00 NOT YET 18 (V,F,G) E Weymes 9-7-7 ... J Fanning 5
9 0-65 RAPID MOVER 21 (B) T Craig 6-7-7 ... J Lowe 9
3-1 Shamshom Al Arab, 7-2 Jazilah, 9-2 Media Messenger, 5-1 Telephus, 7-1 Tanoda, 8-1 Take By Storm, 10-1 Not Yet, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS
TRAINERS: J Berry, 33 winners from 144 runners, 22.9%; A Harrison, 4 from 19, 21.1%; J Etherington, 3 from 16, 18.8%; Mrs M Reveley, 8 from 47, 17.0%, J Watts, 4 from 24, 16.7%; M Naughton, 15 from 97, 15.5%.
JOCKEYS: J Carroll, 30 winners from 124 rides, 24.2%; G Duffield, 25 from 132, 18.9%; K Darley, 17 from 109, 15.6%; J Fanning, 11 from 106, 10.4%. Only qualifiers.

LEICESTER

THUNDERER
6.45 Sweet Decision. 7.15 Lucy's Gold. 7.45 Blue Topaze. 8.15 Shuailaan. 8.45 Old Provence. 9.15 Superensis.
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 8.15 Shuailaan. 9.15 AL MOULOUKI (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

6.45 TIPSTERS TABLE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,595: 5f 2yd) (6 runners)
1 66 BROUGHTONS PARTNER 14 W Musson 9-0 ... J Quinn 5
2 GINGERILLO T Mills 9-0 ... Dean McKeown 3
3 0 SPORTING HEIR 58 M Usher 9-0 ... R Price 6
4 UN PARFUM DE FEMME J Pearce 9-0 ... G Bardwell 2
5 CLARET BUMBLE P Makin 8-9 ... T Sprake 4
6 522 SWEET DECISION 12 M Wilkes 8-9 ... J Williams 1
Evens Sweet Decision, 7-2 Claret Bumble, 5-1 Gingerillo, 8-1 Broughtons Partner, 12-1 Sporting Heir, Un Parfum De Femme.

7.15 TELE-ADS MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O fillies: £3,231: 5f 218yd) (7)
1 ENCORE M'LADY F Lee 8-11 ... S Perks 6
2 04 LEGENDARY LADY 22 M Channon 8-11 ... J Williams 1
3 00 LUCY'S GOLD 14 M Ryan 8-11 ... D Biggs 2
4 0 QUEEN'S TRUST 36 J Dunlop 8-11 ... B Raymond 5
5 00 SALT STONE 8 M Tompkins 8-11 ... S Mulvey (7) 3
6 00 SOTTISES 17 (B) B McMahon 8-11 ... A Munro 7
7 WANDERING ANGEL D Loder 8-11 ... L Detton 4
6-4 Wandering Angel, 3-1 Legendary Lady, 9-2 Salt Stone, 6-1 Encore M'Lady, 8-1 Queen's Trust, 10-1 Sottises, 14-1 Lucy's Gold.

7.45 MERCURY NIGHT FILLIES HANDICAP
(£2,553: 5f 218yd) (15)
1 -135 BLUE TOPAZE 10 (D,G,S) M Saunders 5-9-13 ... J Williams 8
2 -609 LOUISVILLE BELLE 10 (G) M Usher 4-9-8 ... D Harrison (3) 12
3 -404 LADY SABO 28 (D,F) G Lewis 4-9-6 ... Paul Eddery 1
4 0000 MACS MAHARANEE 22 (D,F,G) P Felgate 6-9-2 ... G Hind 7
5 05-5 MANOR ADVENTURE 17 B McMahon 3-9-1 ... A Munro 9
6 -066 MINSHAAR 17 (G) J Spearing 3-9-1 ... B Raymond 13
7 0-00 FILICAIA 9 (D,F,G) E Incisa 7-9-0 ... Kim Tinkler 10
8 0004 UNVEILED 5 (D,F,G) R Hodges 5-9-0 ... M Roberts 4
9 -030 MY RUBY RING 14 (D,F,G,S) D Laing 6-9-0 ... T Williams 3
10 0500 MERRYHILL MADAM 26 (G) J Harris 4-8-8 ... R Cochrane 11
11 0066 FAIRY WISHER 8 M Baraclough 4-8-4 ... N Carlisle 2
12 500- JOIN THE CLAN 256 Mrs N Macauley 4-8-4 Dean McKeown 15
13 -601 FATHOM FIVE 12 (CD,G) M Williams 4-8-0 ... J Quinn 6
14 -650 CASTLE MAID 30 R Hodges 6-7-8 ... D Biggs 14
15 0000 WEEKEND GIRL 12 W Brisbourne 4-7-7 ... N Kennedy (3) 5
5-1 Blue Topaze, 11-2 Manor Adventure, 6-1 Unveiled, 7-1 Fathom Five, Louisville Belle, 8-1 Lady Sabo, My Ruby Ring 10-1 others.

8.15 LEICESTER MERCURY STAKES
(£9,594: 1m 3f 183yd) (6)
1 -042 SHUAILAAN 21 (B,BF,F,G) A Stewart 4-9-5 ... M Roberts 6
2 5135 BOLDARDO 20 (F,S) C Brittain 4-9-0 ... W Carson 1
3 121- ONLY ROYALE 209 (D,F,G,S) L Cumani 4-9-0 ... R Cochrane 2
4 222- SONUS 247 (C,F,G) J Gosden 4-9-0 ... W R Swinburn 5
5 0-52 PEARL ANGEL 47 (G) D Loder 4-8-9 ... L Detton 4
6 21-2 SHADOWS OF SILVER 14 (D,F) B McMahon 5-8-9 ... A Munro 3
2-1 Sonus, 9-4 Shuailaan, 4-1 Only Royale, 11-2 Boldardo, 10-1 Pearl Angel, 14-1 Shadows Of Silver

8.45 SPORTS MERCURY CONDITIONS STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,325: 1m 3f 183yd) (3)
1 -324 SALATIN 18 (G) P Walwyn 9-2 ... W Carson 3
2 -231 SILVERDALE 15 (D,G) J Gosden 8-12 ... M Roberts 2
3 OLD PROVENCE L Cumani 8-10 ... R Cochrane 1
11-10 Silverdale, 5-4 Salatin, 4-1 Old Provence.

9.15 SPORTING GREEN HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,523: 7f 9yd) (7)
1 23-4 PERSIAN CHARMER 14 Miss L Perratt 9-7 ... W R Swinburn 5
2 0111 AL MOULOUKI 14 (D,F,S) J Payne 9-3 ... R Cochrane 1
3 1034 ASHGORE 5 (G) M Johnston 9-0 ... Dean McKeown 6
4 -035 PEACEFULL REPLY 35 F Lee 8-9 ... S Perks 7
5 3240 SPECIAL RISK 121 M Bell 8-3 ... M Fenton (5) 3
6 0-33 SUPERENSIS 23 W Muir 7-9 ... Kim McDonnell (7) 2
7 4065 STARLIGHT ROSE 5 C Horgan 7-7 ... T Williams 4
4-5 Al Moulouki, 3-1 Persian Charmer, 7-2 Ashgore, 7-1 Peacefull Reply 10-1 Superensis, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS
TRAINERS: J Gosden, 18 winners from 66 runners, 27.3%; G Lewis, 7 from 41, 17.1%, L Cumani, 5 from 31, 16.1%; P Walwyn, 7 from 46, 15.2%; M Channon, 4 from 30, 13.3%, M Johnston, 3 from 23, 13.0%.
JOCKEYS: Paul Eddery, 18 winners from 120 rides, 15.0%, B Raymond, 15 from 130, 11.5%; J Reid, 9 from 89, 10.1%. Only qualifiers.

Blinkered first time
EPSOM: 2.45 Just Greenwich. EDINBURGH: 2.25 Uppance, Russia With Love. 3.25 Principal Player. 3.55 West Coast, Palacegate Jo. 4.55 Not Yet. HAYDOCK: 3.30 [illegible] 4.05 Mad Casanova, Roneo. LEICESTER: 7.15 Sottises. 8.15 Shuailaan.

Sheer Jest can extend winning run

Point-To-Point By Brian Beel

ONLY six run in the Horse and Hound Cup at Stratford today but the contest between Sheer Jest and Once Stung holds great interest.

Until Sheer Jest is beaten there is no telling how good he is, but Once Stung had his limitations exposed when third in the Foxhunters at Cheltenham. With the ground riding fast, my vote goes to Sheer Jest with Generals Boy filling the minor place.

Polly Curling, the leader in the women's title race, has four mounts at the Torrington Farmers point-to-point. This meeting usually concludes the season but the rearranged South Tetcott has extended the term by a week.

Curling will be hoping to extend her lead beyond recall and she has clear prospects of riding at least two winners. Tangle Jim in the restricted and the choice of Brimstone Hill and The Doormaker in the confined appeal.

Alistair Crowe had a lean month in May but still holds the lead for the men's title. He has the choice of Equity Player and Call Me Citizen in the open but neither may prove good enough against Melton Park.

Today's meeting: Torrington Farmers, Umberleigh, 5 miles south east of Barnstaple (first race 2.00).

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Saturday portrait: Steffi Graf, by Stuart Jones, tennis correspondent

Reluctant tennis queen awaiting the return of an absent friend

ILLUSTRATION: STEVE MARTIN



The blonde, tousled hair and the legs so long and slender that they would not be out of place on a catwalk. Those are the striking features of a tennis player known throughout the world. Yet Steffi Graf would rather be recognised by nobody.

This afternoon, the 23-year-old German will walk through the wrought-iron gates of Roland Garros, the stadium on the outskirts of Paris, and report for duty in the usual place of work. At the end of any given week her office, though temporary for the last decade, has almost always been called the centre court.

Today she will perform there in front of another capacity crowd of 16,000. The most private of individuals will again be on public display, carrying out a job which, though it has made her a millionairess at least 30 times over, will never be as richly fulfilling as it is for less talented colleagues.

Complacency could be the source of Graf's comparative disenchantment. She has been ranked one of the top two players in the world every day for the last six years and, uniquely, in 1988 she completed the "golden slam" by winning the Wimbledon, Australian, French and United States championships as well as the Olympic title.

Since the beginning of 1986 she has lost a mere 37 matches and almost half of those defeats have been inflicted by two players, Gabriela Sabatini (11) and Martina Navratilova (seven). In that time Graf has entered 109 tournaments on grass, carpet, clay and hard surfaces. She has won 72 of them and been runner-up in another 19.

Still she seeks perfection. Eighteen months ago her father, Peter, and her coach, Pavel Slozil, fell out over the methods she should follow to improve her two weaknesses, the top-spin backhand and the volley. The quest for honours continues.

Yet tennis is seen as a job. She conducts it in a brisk manner and with the minimum of fuss, giving the impression that she would prefer to finish the task at hand as quickly as possible and pursue the interests of fashion, music and art which are playing an increasing role in her life.

Unlike fellow competitors, she never hangs around after practice sessions or matches. She spends her spare time shopping, photographing and wandering around museums or galleries. In the evenings she is regularly to be found in the cinema or, whenever possible, in a concert arena. She said that she was more entertained by Elton John in Paris last week than by *Indecent Proposal* which, with a thumb pointed firmly downward, she said she did not rate.

She is also a keen follower of other sports, notably motor racing, in which her brother, Michael, is a Formula 3000 driver. His girl-

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friend, Stephanie Rehe, used to be among the top 20 tennis players in the world, incidentally, until injury first interrupted and then prematurely terminated her career.

A well-documented family problem coincided with a blip in Graf's own career. Three years ago her father, not the most stable of influences anyway, was served with a paternity suit by a glamour model. The case was eventually not proven and the "other woman" was subsequently found guilty of another charge, fraud, and is now in prison.

As well as coping with the protracted and sleazy publicity, Graf had to handle having her dominance challenged for the first time. In Berlin, during the national championship which she habitually wins, her sequence of 66 successive victories was broken in the 1990 final by a precocious Yugoslavian 16-year-old, Monica Seles.

Their continuing rivalry was interrupted a month ago by the flashing blade of a twisted supporter of Graf. In plunging the knife into the left shoulder-blade of Seles, as she sat at the side of the court, Günther Parche intended to make life easier for his heroine. He was grossly misguided. Graf thrives on competition, and should she lift the title tomorrow it will be devalued for her by Seles's absence.

It was not the first time that Graf had been involved in a bloody scenario. As a teenager, she was practising at nine o'clock in the morning when a similarly demented devotee, wishing to make a more personal dramatic impact, walked onto the court and slit his wrists in front of her.

Graf, though, was more deeply shocked by the wound inflicted in Hamburg on April 30, which is worse than was initially thought. Seles, already certain to miss Wimbledon, may not have recovered in time even to enter the United States championship, which starts at the end of August.

In reaching the final in Paris, Graf regained the rank of No 1 in the world, a position she once retained for a record 186 weeks but which she had not held since September 8, 1991. Asked how she felt about her promotion, she said that she could not care less. "All that counts is being in the final," she said tersely, describing the rankings as "meaningless" until Seles returns to playing.

When Graf was beginning fully to recuperate from the mental damage imposed by the ramifications of her father's court case, she found herself embroiled once more in the media's curiosity. When she went to buy a sweater in Hamburg, she was followed by five cars full of photographers. After she had reluctantly complied with their wishes for a picture, she was persistently hounded.

So keen is she to escape from attention that she habitually and deliberately practises early in the morning to avoid crowds of onlookers. She has few close associates on the women's tour, other than Rene Stubbs, an Australian, and Patricia Tarabini, regarded as an eccentric Argentinian.

Graf will not elaborate, but she has mentioned that recently there have been a few disturbing "incidents" in her own homeland. There are unsubstantiated rumours that her family home in Brühl was subjected to a bomb threat.

Her parents own another house in Boca Raton, Florida, where her mother is recovering from a back operation, but she herself lives in one of her two favourite cities. Not for her the tax haven of Monte Carlo or the sunlit playgrounds of Florida, where most of the leading tennis players choose to invest their wealth.

Graf, who has a genuine affection for London, spent a comparatively modest $800,000 (about £530,000) on a residence in Greenwich Village, New York. There she is able to fade like a chameleon into the background and assume the anonymity she craves. Before too long, it will be more lasting.

Unlike Navratilova, who insists that she can win Wimbledon this year at the age of 37, Graf cannot envisage playing for more than another three or four years. She may then, perhaps, go to college to study art.

Today, though, she is preparing to share centre stage with Mary-Joe Fernandez, who has yet to beat her. Graf will probably be crowned the queen of France for the third time but, be assured, she would like merely to do her job and then, once the ceremony is over, to slip away.

England appeal for more money

BY RICHARD EATON

CIRO Ciniglio, the England badminton manager, has made a plea for extra financial help for the national squad. "For us to finish fifth in the world in the team event was an achievement with the funding we have," Ciniglio, speaking at the world championships in Birmingham, said.

"But don't let us waste another two years in the top division. We must have more funding if we are to maintain this. The Danes get about six times as much as we do for their elite squad."

Ciniglio's appeal is unlikely to draw a positive response from the Badminton Association of England. The loss on the championships, backed by 7-Up, is expected to be about £150,000. Sponsorship fell well short of targets and ticket sales at the National Indoor Arena have been poor.

"It's very disappointing because we at least hoped to break even," John Briggs, the championships treasurer, said. Graham Axford, the championship co-ordinator, said Ciniglio was "whistling in the dark" by asking for more money.

Gill Clark is within one win of medals in both the women's and mixed doubles with her respective partners, Gillian Gowers and Nick Ponting, but England's singles players all fell in the fourth round. Several are now looking to Germany to increase their earnings. Steve Butler and Jo Muggeridge are negotiating contracts to play in the Bundesliga second division.

"Some players take temporary work behind bars to cover the costs of playing," Ciniglio said. "Some of our young players are virtually on the breadline. We are in the premier league of world badminton with third division resources."

Courier powers past Krajicek to sustain hopes of third title

FROM STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN PARIS

JIM Courier, the holder for the last two years, and Sergi Bruguera, a novice by comparison, will compete for the French Open men's singles title here tomorrow afternoon. It does not promise to be an occasion sparkling with flair and enterprise, especially if the semi-finals yesterday are taken as a reliable gauge.

Though of vastly contrasting experience, the finalists might be forged from the same mould. Both are hard-hitting, functional baseliners and their meeting on the centre court at Roland Garros is likely to be as dour as the surrounding concrete stands. Courier will probably walk away from them as the champion again.

The studious American, the strong favourite before the tournament began, was more relaxed than usual in beating the giant Dutchman, Richard Krajicek, 6-1, 6-7, 7-5, 6-2. The impassive mask of Courier dropped to reveal a smile, an event considered almost unique, and on another occasion he had to laugh with the rest of the crowd.

During a match notable for heavy blows, Krajicek unleashed all of his inhibitions and a return so fierce in the third set that Courier had scarcely completed his service action when it flew past him. "It was unbelievable," he said later. "The hardest shot I have ever seen on a court and I've hit a few myself."

He bowed graciously, as though in submission, but only temporarily. His own standard of returns, which Krajicek rated as highly as those of Andre Agassi, may not have been so singularly spectacular but they steered his opponent away from his plan. "I couldn't get enough balls to his backhand," the Dutchman said.

Courier charmed the audience a year ago by making his acceptance speech in French. Although his manner smacks of arrogance now, he is not presumptuous enough to assume that he will be prompted to utter similar foreign words tomorrow.



Courier: relaxed

"This is the first time that he [Bruguera] has performed up to this level in this tournament," he said. "He has beaten Pete [Sampras, the top seed here, and the world No 1] twice in the last couple of weeks and he has got to be feeling very good."

Bruguera, the tenth seed and the first Spaniard to reach the final here since Manuel Orantes in 1974, has never taken a set off Courier, let alone beaten him. Yet he had an equally discouraging previous record against Andrei Medvedev and it took him only an hour and a half to change that.

Moreover, he did so emphatically. Medvedev, the 18-year-old Ukrainian who swept through the first set in a startling 17 minutes against Stefan Edberg in the quarter-final, found himself starting a second set almost as quickly. The tables were not so much turned as picked up and heaved upside down.

Medvedev, tentative and virtually unrecognisable from the previous day, insisted that he was helpless to avoid the 6-0, 6-4, 6-2 defeat. "He played too fast for me," he said. "If I talk too quickly and you are trying to write it down, you would make mistakes. That is what happened. It was a one-man show."

Nobody had played as convincingly against him, Medvedev recalled, except, significantly, Courier last year. Curiously, for one so articulate and free with his thoughts, Medvedev shied away from predicting the potential winner.

Mary Joe Fernandez will have to cause no less of an upset if she is to collect her first grand slam title in the women's singles final today. The American fifth seed has not beaten Steffi Graf, the top seed, in their 10 matches.

Nevertheless, Fernandez recovered from an apparently hopeless position against Gabriela Sabatini in her quarter-final and confounded all expectations by dismissing Arantxa Sánchez Vicario in the semi-final. It would surely be asking too much for her to overcome the odds for a third time.

RESULTS: Men's singles: Semi-finals: J Courier (US) bt R Krajicek (Hol), 6-1, 6-7, 7-5, 6-2; S Bruguera (Sp) bt A Medvedev (Ukr), 6-0, 6-4, 6-2.
Men's doubles: Semi-final: L and M Jensen (US) bt S Edberg (Swe) and P Korda (Cz), 7-6, 6-1.
Women's doubles: Semi-final: G Fernandez (US) and N Zvereva (Belarus) bt S Cecchini (It) and P Tarabini (Arg), 7-6, 7-6.
Mixed doubles: Quarter-final: B Schultz (Hol) and M Jensen (US) bt G Fernandez (US) and T Woodbridge (Aus), 6-3, 6-2. Semi-final: E Reinach (SA) and D Visser (SA) bt E Smylie (Aus) and J Fitzgerald (Aus), 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.

Navratilova tones up for Wimbledon

BY ALIX RAMSAY

FRESH from a trip to see *City of Angels* the night before, Martina Navratilova swept past Linda Harvey-Wild and into the final of the Direct Line Insurance championships at Beckenham like an avenging angel wiping out the memory of last year's loss to her fellow American.

Last year at Eastbourne, Navratilova lost her battle in a fierce and swirling wind. Yesterday, in perfect conditions, she took exactly one hour to repel Harvey-Wild's challenge, 6-3, 6-1.

As a result of injuries from previous matches, Harvey-Wild, 22, from Chicago, looked like she had emerged from a war zone. She walked on court with strapping on both ankles and her left wrist, wearing a knee brace, and gingerly massaging her right shoulder.

Despite the scars, Harvey-Wild had the shots to trouble Navratilova, but unfortunately she did not play them in the right order, mixing double faults with aces to concede the first set and give Navratilova a head start in the second.

As Navratilova pumped up her serve and got into her stride, Harvey-Wild's attack evaporated. "My serve really let me down," she said. "I thought Martina was playing really well. I know she doesn't like playing in the wind and I was praying for a hurricane or something to blow up."

Less than impressed that the master of ceremonies had reminded the crowd of last year's loss, and having had a jovial run-in with a spectator over the state of the court, Navratilova said that she was happy with her first week at Beckenham.

"Hopefully I can get another five matches in at Birmingham next week and then I'll be ready for Wimbledon," she said. "My game is coming together, I'm mixing it up quite successfully, and my serve is getting better." The Beckenham tournament is not recognised by the Women's Tennis Association but Navratilova said: "It is a tournament based on rankings and I will certainly count it in my record."

Navratilova's opponent today will be the world No 96, Kristie Boogert, from Holland, who served and volleyed her way to victory over Kristine Radford, of Australia, 6-4, 6-2. Boogert is determined to continue the game plan that has taken her to her first meeting with the top seed, "although Martina serves and volleys pretty well too".

☐ Shirlie-Ann Siddall, of Dorset, Amanda Grunfeld, of Lancashire, and Lorna Woodroffe, of Surrey, have been given wild cards into the main draw of the DSS Classic, which begins in Edgbaston on Monday. Navratilova is the top seed.

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Holland hit back to earn draw

England 2
Holland 2

FROM SYDNEY FRISKIN IN DUBLIN

ENGLAND were held to an exciting 2-2 draw by Holland in the four nations hockey tournament in Dublin yesterday after Robert Hill had given them a 2-0 lead with two perfect goals from short corners.

Tackling strongly, and running more freely, England had the better of the exchanges in the first half. In this period, the Dutch game was slightly out of character, and their approach work lacked cohesion. But they came back strongly to save the game in the second half.

A strong run by Williams on the right earned England their first short corner in the eighth minute. Hill put the ball beyond the reach of the goalkeeper, more with a push than a hit.

Six minutes later, Hill's free hit from the right led to England's second short corner, and Hill again found the target.

Holland's effort to recover lost ground was met with stubborn resistance, mainly from Halls who had an outstanding game in England's defence. Holland's only goal chance in the first half was squandered by van den Honert, who missed the target.

After the interval, Holland put more pressure on England, and forced seven short corners, two of which were converted by van den Honert, the second in the last minute.

So England were deprived of victory, having taken a firm grip on the game, and they can reflect that the Dutch were let off the hook.

ENGLAND: D Luckes; R Hill, J Hale, R Davis, K Takher, A Dagun, R Garcia, S Nicklin, D Williams, J Shaw (capt), R Welch. Sub: J Lee.

HOLLAND: B Lloijs; W Dranth, W van Pelt, E Jazet, D Smolenaars, F Bovelander, M Dolsson (capt), L Gebbink, F Visschers, T van den Honert, R van Wijk. Sub: P Hein-Geeris.

Umpires: A Moore (Ireland) and J Gonzazar (Spain).

Timetable shift turns up heat on women's trial

BY DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

THE women's 10,000 metres provided Britain with its only individual gold medal at the most recent world championships but, if the event has been nourished by Liz McColgan's triumph, it will not be evident today. The trial for this year's world championships takes place at Portsmouth with no sign of a rush to follow in McColgan's tracks.

Fewer than a dozen women are expected to contest the race for the automatic team place that will go to the winner, provided she attains the qualifying standard. The qualifying time is hard enough but the fact that the race is being held at 12.15 may turn a difficult target into an impossible one.

With the demands of television taking priority over the consideration of athletes, the women's trial, the only championship event of the Pearl European Relays meeting, is being cleared out of the way before ITV's live coverage begins at 3pm. If the forecast for temperatures up to 21°C on the south coast proves correct, the trialists will have to cope with the worst of the day's heat, which could have been avoided by scheduling the race later.

As one senior British distance coach said yesterday: "Portsmouth must rank as one of the windiest tracks in Britain and, with a 12.15 start, these factors are likely to work against the athletes. The wind could cost them a second a lap and a 20° temperature could cost them another second a lap."

In other words, instead of the qualifying time of 32min 40sec required, the winner may have to run the equivalent of 31:50. Only two British women, McColgan and Jill Hunter, have run that fast. The British Athletic Federation may be lucky and find Portsmouth calm and the forecast wrong, but it should not be taking the risk.

The meeting, which brings Sally Gunnell and Linford Christie out for their first races of the season, had been scheduled for last night but was changed to suit ITV. At least the cool of an evening would have been some help, even if the venue was not inland and offering protection from the wind.

There is not a runner in the field who has broken 33 minutes, but Vikki McPherson and Laura Adam are two who might with favourable weather and decent opposition.

But the four women who rank ahead of these two, McColgan, Hunter, Andrea Wallace and Suzanne Rigg, are missing today. McColgan is selected for Stuttgart already and it is probable that, with Hunter and Rigg recently injured and Wallace not interested, the Scot will be Britain's only representative in this



McColgan: selected

event when she defends her world title.

When the Pearl meeting was put back, leading British League clubs threatened to boycott today's first division fixture because it would rob them of their senior athletes. The threat came to nothing, but Paul Head, Britain's leading hammer thrower, has refused to compete at Portsmouth and will turn out for his club in Birmingham.

Birchfield Harriers are Britain's representatives in the women's European clubs' championship in Limassol, Cyprus, today. Clova Court, the Birchfield captain, believes a place in the top three may be within her squad's reach.

The result of yesterday's appeal by Jason Livingston against his four-year ban for failing a drugs test will not be announced until after the weekend.

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Johnson gallops to Nottingham's rescue with century


Johnson: powerful

BY JACK BAILEY

TRENT BRIDGE (second day of four): Nottinghamshire, with one wicket in hand, are 80 runs behind Hampshire

IT WOULD be difficult to imagine a greater contrast in styles than those that come naturally to David Gower and Paul Johnson. The one a languid left-hander, playing for a southern shire; the other, Johnson, short, powerful, punchy, a Newark lad who gives the ball a fearful thump whenever he can make the opportunity. Yet both in their own way have made an indelible mark on this match.

Yesterday, it was Johnson's turn to play an innings of real quality in the face of some adversity. He came in when, despite a brisk innings from Randall, Nottinghamshire were 55 for two, facing Hampshire's 355, and at a time when the visiting team's slow left-arm spinner, Ian Turner, who bowled his first 21 overs for only 24 runs, was sending tremors of a Nottinghamshire follow-on coursing round the ground. He stood firm while two more wickets fell and only 30 were added, accumulating busily the while. When he was joined by Chris Cairns, the two of them cut loose.

In a partnership worth 150 from 35 overs for the fifth wicket, Johnson and Cairns, a son of New Zealand and of a famous father, saved their side from ignominy. Johnson's century came from 148 balls. There were times when the clean, straight hitting of Cairns overshadowed even him but, make no mistake, Johnson's was the innings of the day. Cairns was missed from a difficult stumping chance off Udal when 31; Johnson's innings contained no discernible chance.

Johnson was out to the ball following that from which he scored his century with a typical short-aram jab which sent the ball scurrying to the boundary. As he made his way back he was doubtless pondering how he would like to take this pitch round in his bag with him. For it was on this strip that he made his Sunday League undefeated 167 — a record for Nottinghamshire in a limited over match.

Cairns, too, will have the fondest memories of the 22 yards in question. In the same game as Johnson's mammoth score, Cairns took six wickets; and now comes this 81 from only 128 balls, containing a monstrous six and 11 fours.

Hampshire, though admiring the talents of Johnson and Cairns, will be disappointed at the outcome. They have, it is true, scythed through the Nottinghamshire tail. It was no match for Udal, who took four late wickets for 16 from 33 balls and finished with five in all. But, though deprived of Jean Jacques, who dislocated a finger, they would have expected by now to have a firm grip on the game. It remains a tenuous one.

Hampshire owed much to the birthday boy, Adrian Aymes, who reached 29 yesterday, for the way in which their own tail gave them an additional 58 precious runs for their four remaining wickets.

Aymes lost Udal, after a lively innings, caught behind off the fast medium Pick's first burst since Thursday morning. But this is really a spinner's pitch as it was in Afford's first over that Aymes departed, caught at slip as the ball spun away. Afford and Field-Buss mopped up the rest, but thanks largely to Gower and Aymes, Nottinghamshire were faced with a formidable total.

Field-Buss, with four wickets for 66 runs was Nottinghamshire's most successful bowler. He has now taken ten wickets for 108 runs in the last two innings in which he has bowled. Not so remarkable, you might think, unless you also consider that in the whole of last season Field-Buss captured precisely ten wickets at a cost of 571 runs.

Collision clouds Andersen record ride

BY PETER BRYAN

CHRISTIAN Andersen, of Denmark, set a record average speed of 30.73mph for a Milk Race stage yesterday when winning the fifth leg of 73 miles from Cambridge to Milton Keynes.

Simeon Hempsall, of Britain, was third, but the race was marred by a serious crash as 99 cyclists started the two-mile finishing circuit.

Chris Lillywhite, the overall race leader, escaped the crash, but two of his Banana team colleagues fell: Shane Sutton, a former winner and the team captain, and and Keith Reynolds, the 1991 runner-up. Both were having X-rays last night, Sutton for a suspected broken rib and Reynolds for an injury to his left wrist, which he has broken previously.

The crash injured or delayed 40 riders as they struggled to make their way through team vehicles, which halted to tend the fallen.

Several riders claimed that an unidentified Dane started a furious sprint but then, inexplicably, braked. This forced Sutton, Reynolds, Paul Curran, Steve Farrell and Rob Holden, the prologue time trial winner, to fall.

Holden started the stage tenth overall, 1min 11sec behind Lillywhite. Yesterday he slumped to 34th, 4min 42sec down, losing 3min 31sec in the pile-up. His chances of overall victory have virtually gone.

Holden, of the Neilson-Tivoli team, finished second two years ago, and after his superior showing in the time trial expected to finish well up. After the crash he queried the wisdom of taking race times on the finishing line of a small circuit and not at the entry to the circuit as is often done.

"It encourages stupid and dangerous riding" he said. "I lost 3½ minutes today in the mêlée." Officials later rejected an appeal that the 40 crash riders should be credited with the same time as the main bunch.

Lillywhite took a three-second time bonus for a sprint at Ampthill to increase his race lead to 29sec.

RESULTS: Fifth stage (126km, Cambridge to Milton Keynes): 1, C Andersen (Den), 2hr 33min 29sec; 2, M van Steen (Hol); 3, S Hempsall (GB Amateur); 4, J Tanner (GB, Nelson-Tivoli); 5, C Rajch (Pol); 6, T Karlsen (Nor); 7, J Hermes (Holl), 8, M Walsham (GB, Banana), 9, W Engelbrecht (SA, Southern Sun); 10, M Mckay (GB Amateur). Overall: 1, C Lillywhite (GB, Banana), 17:40:14, 2, M Rendell (NZ), at 29sec; 3, K Marcussen (Den), at 33sec; 4, B Smith (GB, Banana), at 41sec; 5, O Simensen (Nor), at 43sec; 6, A Mizourov (Kazakhstan), at 46sec; 7, N van der Steen (Holl), at 48sec; 8, C Henry (Ire), at 53sec; 9, M Stephens (GB Amateur), at 1:04; 10, S Lowe (NZ), at 1:10. Stage team: 1, Denmark, 7:40:09; 2, Holland, at 5sec, 3, GB Amateur, at 10sec. Overall team: 1, Denmark, 52:45:24; 2, Banana, at 3sec, 3, Norway, at 2:56.

King of the Mountains: 1, Mizourov, 42pts, 2, C Rajch, 31; 3, C Andersen, 25. Sprints: 1, J Mickiewicz (Pol), 19pts; 2, C Lillywhite, 19, 3 equal, B Dunne (Aus), A Nadobenko (Kaz) and B Smith (Banana), 5. Points classification: 1, H Vogels (Aus), 44pts. 2, M van Steen, 44; 3, F Hoej (Den), 33. Combined classification: 1, Smith, 23; 2, Lillywhite, 45; 3, Rajch, 48. Other British placings overall: 13, W Randle (Nelson-Tivoli), at 1:25; 15, J Tanner (Nelson-Tivoli), at 1:33; 23, S Bray (Britannia), at 2:00; 25, B Luckwell (Banana), at 2:43; 28, M Pocitte (Britannia), at 3:36; 30, M Walsham (Banana), 4:16. Other Irish placings overall: 20, L McKay, at 1:42, 70, I Chivers, at 7:05; 74, P Collins, at 7:36; 87, R Power, at 10:39; 89, P Callaly, at 14:06.

TODAY: Sixth stage (Stratford upon Avon to Leicester, 103 miles). Start 9.30am, Edge Hill 10.06, Napton 11.01, Daventry 11.32, Market Harborough 12.37pm. Finish 13.42.

TOMORROW: Seventh stage (Great Malvern circuit, 74 miles): Start 12.30pm. Finish 15.21

Foster and Prichard put Essex in command

BY IVO TENNANT

CHELMSFORD (second day of four): Somerset, with four second-innings wickets in hand, lead Esser by 25 runs

THIS was more like it. Essex, hitherto without a championship victory this season, are looking as if they are champion county. A century by Paul Prichard, their acting captain, and some high-class medium-pace bowling by Neil Foster, has given them every chance of beating Somerset today. It is best to be no more emphatic than that, for they have yet to rid themselves of Mark Lathwell.

That their form has been so indifferent has had much to do with their batsmen not performing as Prichard did here. Other than Salim Malik taking a century off Derbyshire, only Hussain has been making runs with any impunity. But the champions need not repine: history shows that they do not play their most telling cricket until their festival weeks commence. In the six years in which they have taken the championship, they have won 23 out of 36 matches at Ilford, Southend and Colchester.

Their pitches and outgrounds are invariably more sporting than those at Chelmsford. It is a part of the charm of their cricket. In this match, though, the ball has deviated more than usual. At least we were spared three sessions of saturating seam yesterday, since Mushtaq was given more overs than anyone else.

One or two Essex wickets were given up. Salim played on to the first ball he received from Mallender, trying something that belonged on the harder pitches of his homeland. Garnham, too, wafted airily outside offstump, giving Tavaré one of three slip catches that he took with a practised eye and a modicum of fuss.

It was the pitch for a technician — Keith Fletcher, for instance — on which to collect runs by working the ball to long leg, squirting it to third man and square-cutting anything short. Prichard is not in that mode, although he batted now as if he were. And his driving was not bettered all day.

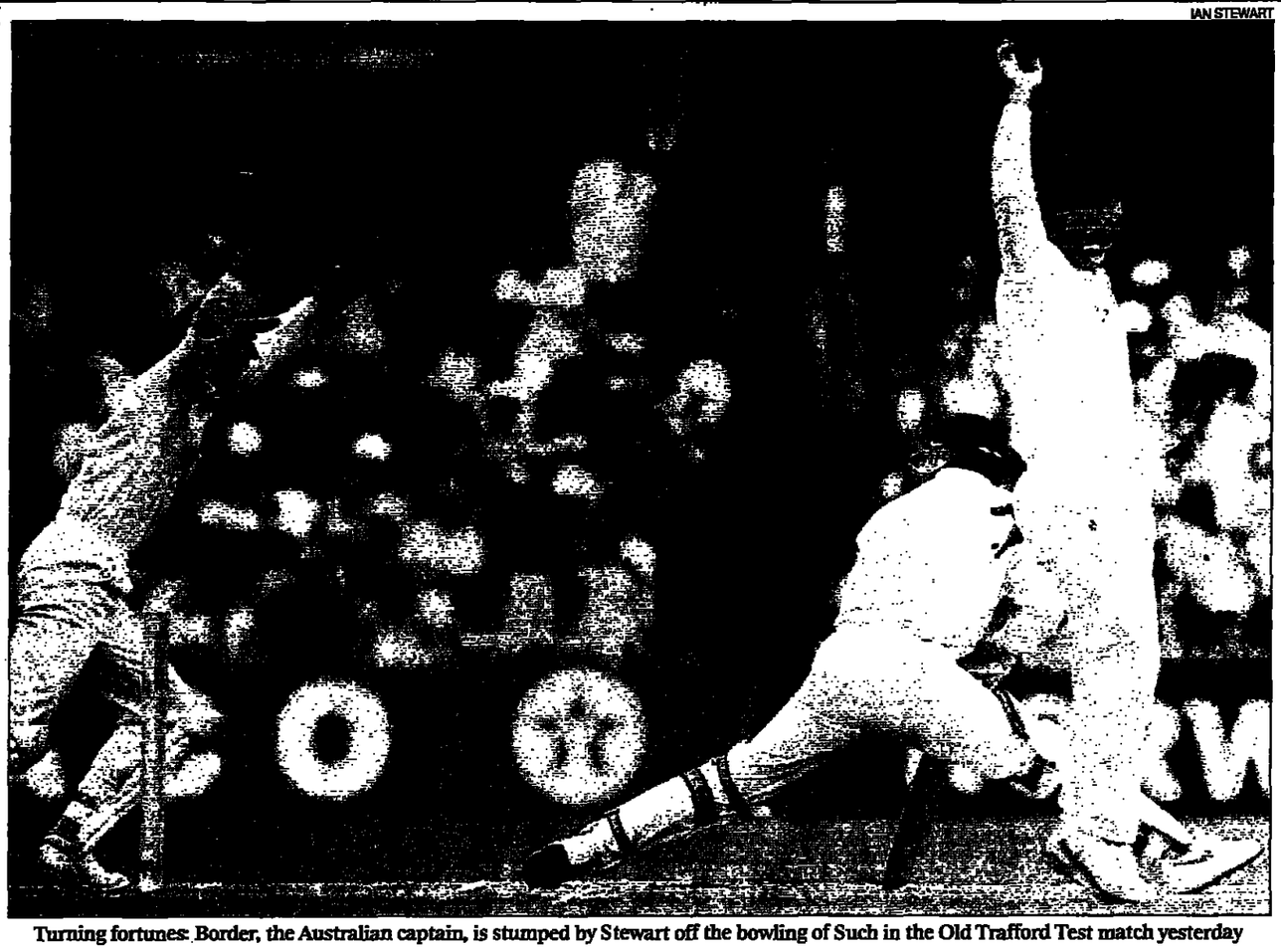
His partnership with Pringle had realised 118 in 39 overs by the time he swept Mushtaq to deep mid-wicket, aiming for his 14th four. You are never quite certain who will be leading Essex in Gooch's absence (there is no shortage of old sweats in this side) but Prichard is now the official vice-captain, and that presumably is a pointer for the future. Given that he is unlikely to play for Englnad, it is a timely appointment that will prevent his career from drifting.

The rest of the Essex innings was not as lamentable as Somerset's batting, and so there was no ruing that the lead was not as sizable as it should have been. Mallender returned, rather late in the day, to finish off the innings. What followed illustrated that a difference of 63 runs was quite enough.

Once again, Lathwell enchanted. It would not be hyperbolic to describe his sense of timing as wondrous. No other Somerset batsman reached double figures. Admittedly, Hayhurst was unfortunate in that a straight drive from Lathwell was deflected onto the stumps by Andrew, but Foster was too much for the rest. He had Harden taken in the slips, Rose leg-before and bowled Burns with a disguised slower yorker that drifted in. Tavaré was turned around by Topley and beaten by movement off the seam. It was Foster's wicket off Folland, though, which will remain in the mind's eye. A short ball was hooked to long leg off the middle of the bat, if uppishly.

On the boundary, some 15 yards finer, was Hussain. Many would have given the ball up, not least in the days when grass stains from diving in the outfield would have resulted in the fielder having to go off to change his flannels. None of that concerned Hussain, who sprinted, launched himself and held an astonishing catch.

IAN STEWART


Turning fortunes: Border, the Australian captain, is stumped by Stewart off the bowling of Such in the Old Trafford Test match yesterday

Salad days a genuine test of character

Michael Henderson enjoys two days at Old Trafford which have provided the very stuff of Ashes cricket in gripping circumstances

The first two days Old Trafford have watched a superb Test match unfold. This is *echt* Test cricket, a grippingly human conflict which bears as much resemblance to the one-day game as a Rembrandt self-portrait does to a ripped canvas.

Every over has had a resonance beyond the number of balls within it, as Peter Such tilted the game towards England with his dazzling burst of wickets then as Shane Warne sprinkled stardust, turning the ball as much as three feet. This has been the very stuff of Ashes cricket.

When they were last here the Australians were so demonstrably superior they would have won all six Tests had the weather held. That was no more meaningful a contest than it had been in 1985, when David Gower enjoyed the most gilded summer of his career.

As John Arlott never tired of reminding people, cricket is essentially an examination of character. "Your 11 footballers play a game and they leave an impression of skill or of violence. The cricketer is showing you his character all the time."

No one revealed more yesterday than Merv Hughes. He looks faintly absurd, of cours, but as Bob Simpson, the Australian manager, pointed out with some emphasis: "he has so much flair. In this country he may be underestimated but in Test cricket he is a fantastic wicket-taker."

Michael Atherton, whom he had troubled outside the off-stump in a gallant, if unrewarded first spell, was the first and best of his three wickets. If he sent the batsman on his way with a verbal blast, which owed little to Plato's discourses, it was in keeping with the nature of this ancient ceremony. Hughes will never be pretty but he remains pretty useful.

For all his defiance and Graham Gooch's under-stated mastery until he slapped a full toss to mid-on, the day will be recalled years from now for the ball Warne found, first up, for Mike Gatting. That dismissal Simpson freely admitted altered the balance of the innings and consequently of the match.

If he lives to be a hundred Warne will still see that ball in his dreams. As for Gatting, whose forward defensive push was utterly confounded by the deviation of a ball which spun a good yard to hit the top of his off stump, he stood transfixed like Macbeth before the floating dagger.

Bob Taylor, the world record holder for dismissals by a wicket keeper, recalled a similar ball by John Gleeson which bamboozled Brian Luckhurst on the 1970-71 tour of Australia. Other than that he couldn't think of one which fizzed as Warne's did. Not bad for a loosener!

Keith Fletcher, the England manager, could not think of any pitch in England which has offered the spinner so much. "There won't be much left of the match by Sunday evening," he said. "A score of 250 would take some getting and in Tufnell and Such we also have good spinners."

Warne has grown up, Simpson feels, and at 23 his best years lie ahead. "He is easily the best 23-year-old leg spinner I have seen. Even Richie Benaud didn't have a flipper by then.

This was a day to forget about sponsored sightscreens, logos on the outfield, low-grade nationalism and other detachable parts of the modern game. Anyone who failed to stir yesterday should not bother to watch another day's Test cricket. But then some prefer a ripped canvas too.

Kent v Gloucestershire

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (second day of four): Kent, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 42 runs ahead of Gloucestershire

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings
B C Broad c Marsh b Ealham 64
G D Hodgson c Hooper b Headley 75
*A J Wright b Hooper 20
M W Alleyne c Davis b Headley 22
T H C Hancock c Marsh b Headley 17
R J Scott lbw b Headley 0
†R C Russell not out 16
A M Smith c Davis b Headley 1
C A Walsh b Headley 2
M Davies lbw b Headley 0
K E Cooper b Fleming 5
Extras (b 3, lb 9, w 3, nb 6) 21
Total 243
BOWLING: McCague 3.1-0-9-0; Headley 39-11-79-7; Ealham 28-12-58-1; Davis 17-8-17-0; Hooper 11.5-4-8-1; Fleming 28.5-9-80-1.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-117, 2-157, 3-195, 4-208, 5-210, 6-223, 7-225, 8-234, 9-234.
KENT: First Innings
T R Ward c Russell b Cooper 20
*M R Benson run out 103
C L Hooper b Smith 96
N J Llong c Davies b Cooper 4
N R Taylor not out 22
M V Fleming c Russell b Davies 22
R P Davis not out 1
Extras (lb 8, w 3, nb 6) 17
Total (5 wkts, 91 overs) 285
†S A Marsh, M A Ealham, M J McCague and D W Headley to bat
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-233, 3-234, 4-242, 5-278.
BOWLING: Walsh 18-5-50-0; Cooper 23-7-52-2; Smith 18-3-54-1; Davies 11-3-56-1; Scott 5-0-14-0; Alleyne 14-0-44-0; Hancock 2-0-7-0.

Two-day win puts Middlesex top

BY GEOFFREY WHEELER

LORD'S, where the second Test will be played later this month, was the scene of some extraordinary cricket yesterday. Eighteen wickets fell for 210 runs before Middlesex completed a two-day success over Derbyshire by a ten-wicket margin, a victory which took them to the top of the championship table.

At lunch there was little hint of the drama in store. But the Derbyshire spinners, Sladdin and Vandrau, then swept through the tail limiting Middlesex's first-innings advantage to 25. Derbyshire lost three wickets clearing the arrears and were bowled out for 89, Williams, Fraser and Emburey sharing the wickets. Haynes and Carr then knocked off the 65 runs required to win in 73 balls, Haynes hitting the first ball of the extra ten overs for six to finish the match.

Opening batsman Tim Boon hit a century and West Indian fast bowler Winston Benjamin a boisterous, unbeaten 81 to put Leicestershire in command against Durham at Grace Road. When Boon was fifth out for 105 three more wickets fell cheaply but Durham's hopes were dashed by Benjamin who has made his runs from 87 balls. Leicestershire, at 330 for eight, lead by 170.

An unbroken century partnership between Richard Blakey and Craig White put Yorkshire in a strong position against Glamorgan at Middlesbrough after another half-century from Moxonyand 81 from Richie Richardson, including 13 fours.

The Sussex captain, Alan Wells, scored his second championship century of the season as his side amassed 414 against Warwickshire at Edgbaston while a second-wicket stand of 206 in 60 overs by Mark Benson and Carl Hooper put Kent in control against Gloucestershire, after Dean Headley had completed a career-best return of seven for 79 as Gloucestershire lost their last five wickets for 22.

A battling half-century by Martin Bicknell hauled Surrey out of trouble against Lancashire at the Oval while Alan Fordham and Paul Taylor both pressed their Test claims as Northamptonshire outplayed Worcestershire. Fordham reached 193, the highest individual score of the season, before Taylor's burst of three wickets in eight balls helped reduce Worcestershire to 157 for eight.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Leicestershire v Durham

LEICESTER (second day of four): Leicestershire, with one first-innings wicket in hand, are 170 runs ahead of Durham.

DURHAM: First Innings 160 (L Potter 4-46)

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings
T J Boon c and b Berry 105
*N E Briers c Botham b Brown 18
J J Whitaker lbw Graveney 46
P E Robinson c Fothergill b Cummins 5
B F Smith b Cummins 4
L Potter c Fothergill b Bainbridge 30
V J Wells c Daley b Bainbridge 1
P A Nixon b Bainbridge 3
W K M Benjamin not out 81
G J Parsons not out 19
Extras (b 2, lb 2, nb 12) 18
Total (8 wkts, 118 overs) 330
A D Mullally to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-50, 2-126, 3-131, 4-143, 5-211, 6-220, 7-223, 8-248.
BOWLING: Cummins 19-2-58-2; Brown 25-3-85-1; Botham 18-8-27-0; Graveney 32-8-73-1; Berry 12-3-45-1.
Bonus Points: Leicestershire 7, Durham 3.
Umpires: A A Jones and R Palmer.

Middlesex v Derbyshire

LORD'S (second day of four): Middlesex (20 pts) beat Derbyshire (4) by ten wickets.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 168 (C J Adams 53; M A Feltham 4-46)
Second Innings
*K J Barnett c Weekes b Fraser 3
J E Morris c Haynes b Williams 12
T J O'Gorman c Carr b Emburey 20
C J Adams c Brown b Williams 0
D G Cork c and b Emburey 8
F A Griffith lbw b Williams 1
M J Vandrau c Feltham b Williams 20
K M Krikken c Emburey b Fraser 12
S J Base c Brown b Fraser 0
R W Sladdin c Carr b Emburey 0
D E Malcolm not out 9
Extras (b 2, lb 2) 4
TOTAL 89
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-19, 3-21, 4-44, 5-45, 6-47, 7-64, 8-66, 9-67.
BOWLING: Williams 13.1-2-36-4; Fraser 14-1-39-3; Feltham 3-2-2-0; Emburey 14-6-14-3.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings
D L Haynes c Adams b Cork 25
M A Roseberry st Krikken b Vandrau 12
M R Ramprakash c Morris b Malcolm 11
R K Illingworth c Ripley b Curran 5
C M Tolley not out 47
Extras (b 1, lb 7) 8
TOTAL (8 wkts, 50 overs) 157
K C G Benjamin to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-18, 3-20, 4-20, 5-37, 6-42, 7-61, 8-68.
BOWLING: Ambrose 16-6-31-1; Taylor 13-3-44-3; Capel 15-4-44-3; Curran 6-0-30-1.
Bonus Points: Northamptonshire 6, Worcestershire 0.
Umpires: D O Oslear and N T Plews

Warwickshire v Sussex

EDGBASTON (second day of four): Warwickshire, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 295 runs behind Warwickshire.

SUSSEX: First Innings
C W J Athey b Small 6
J W Hall lbw b Smith 42
D M Smith b Munton 80
*A P Wells b Munton 130
K Greenfield c Reeve b Small 12
C C Remy lbw b Reeve 39
F D Stephenson c Burns b Donald 37
†P Moores lbw b Twose 14
A C S Pigott c and b Reeve 13
E E Hemmings not out 10
E S H Giddins b Reeve 1
Extras (b 1, lb 11, w 2, nb 16) 30
TOTAL 414
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-83, 3-23, 4-293, 5-293, 6-353, 7-383, 8-397, 9-409.
BOWLING: Donald 28-3-100-1; Small 24-10-56-2; Munton 38-10-93-2; Reeve 20.4-6-47-3; Smith 26-7-68-1; Twose 14-2-38-1
Score at 120 overs: 321-5

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings
A J Moles not out 60
J D Ratcliffe not out 56
Extras (b 2, lb 1) 3
TOTAL (0 wkt, 31 overs) 119
R G Twose, D P Ostler, T L Penney, *D A Reeve, †M Burns, N M K Smith, G C Small, A A Donald and T A Munton to bat.
BOWLING: Stephenson 9-1-36-0, Giddins 7-2-25-0; Pigott 5-2-17-0; Hemmings 6-0-29-0; Athey 3-1-9-0; Greenfield 1-1-0-0
Bonus Points: Warwickshire 2, Sussex 3.
Umpires: J H Hampshire and R A White.

Yorkshire v Glamorgan

MIDDLESBROUGH (second day of four): Yorkshire, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 58 runs behind Glamorgan.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings
S P James c Byas b Jarvis 76
*H Morris c sub b Robinson 28
A Dale c Byas b Stemp 100
M P Maynard c Stemp b Jarvis 3
I V A Richards b Gough 27
P A Cottey c White b Robinson 22
R D B Croft c Moxon b Robinson 3
R P Lefebvre c Batty b Jarvis 1
†C P Metson c Blakey b Stemp 15
S L Watkin not out 9
S R Barwick c White b Stemp 2
Extras (b 4, lb 8, w 2, nb 22) 36
Total 323
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-52, 2-191, 3-201, 4-247, 5-277, 6-290, 7-295, 8-307, 9-319.
BOWLING: Jarvis 25.4-5-51-3; Gough 20-3-65-1; Robinson 22-5-52-3; White 4-2-6-0; Stemp 30-10-51-3; Batty 25-4-76-0.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings
*M D Moxon c Cottey b Barwick 51
A A Metcalfe c Maynard b Watkin 8
R B Richardson c Metson b Watkin 81
D Byas lbw b Dale 16
†R J Blakey not out 43
C White not out 56
Extras (b 7, nb 4) 11
TOTAL (4 wkts, 100 overs) 265
P W Jarvis, D Gough, R D Stemp, J D Batty and M A Robinson to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-102, 3-153, 4-165
BOWLING: Watkin 23-6-45-2; Lefebvre 15-5-36-0; Barwick 26-13-41-1; Croft 27-5-106-0; Dale 9-3-30-1.
Bonus Points: Glamorgan 4, Yorkshire 5.
Umpires: G I Burgess and G Sharp.

Essex v Somerset

CHELMSFORD (second day of four): Somerset, with four second-innings wickets in hand, are 25 runs ahead of Essex

SOMERSET: First Innings 202
Second Innings
A N Hayhurst run out 3
M N Lathwell not out 46
R J Harden c Topley b Foster 4
*C J Tavaré c Pringle b Topley 5
N A Folland c Hussain b Foster 9
†N D Burns b Foster 4
G D Rose lbw b Foster 0
N A Mallender not out 8
Extras (b 4, lb 1, nb 4) 9
Total (6 wkts) 88
Mushtaq Ahmed, J I D Kerr and A P Van Troost to bat.
FALL: 1-14, 2-36, 3-49, 4-60, 5-70, 6-72.
BOWLING: Foster 20-5-35-4; Andrew 6-1-17-0; Topley 12-4-29-1; Childs 1-0-2-0.

ESSEX: First Innings
*P J Prichard c Lathwell b Mushtaq Ahmed 123
Stephenson c Kerr b Rose 32
J J B Lewis c Tavare b Rose 10
Salim Malik b Mallender 0
N Hussain c Tavaré b Mallender 2
†M A Garnham c Tavaré b Kerr 12
D R Pringle c & b Kerr 54
N A Foster c Folland b Kerr 15
T D Topley lbw b Mushtaq Ahmed 0
S J W Andrew b Mallender 4
J H Childs not out 2
Extras (lb 7, w 2, nb 2) 11
Total (96.1 overs) 265
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-52, 2-75, 3-82, 4-94, 5-117, 6-235, 7-251, 8-256, 9-259.
BOWLING: Mallender 15.1-4-36-3; Van Troost 12-1-38-0; Rose 19-4-55-2; Kerr 17-2-47-3; Mushtaq Ahmed 25-5-60-2; Hayhurst 8-3-22-0.
Bonus points: Essex 6, Somerset 5.
Umpires: A G T Whitehead and V A Holder.

Nottinghamshire v Hampshire

TRENT BRIDGE (second day of four): Nottinghamshire, with one first-innings wicket in hand, are eighty runs behind Hampshire

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings
T C Middleton c Pollard b Cairns 0
R S M Morris c Randall b Cairns 15
D I Gower lbw b Field-Buss 153
*V P Terry lbw b Afford 28
K D James c Cairns b Field-Buss 25
J R Ayling b Field-Buss 4
†A N Aymes c Pollard b Afford 62
S D Udal c French b Pick 27
M Jean-Jacques c Afford b Field-Buss 10
I J Turner not out 4
K J Shine b Afford 10
Extras (b 10, lb 8, w 1) 19
Total 365
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-35, 3-113, 4-177, 5-184, 6-252, 7-322, 8-331, 9-337.
BOWLING: Cairns 28-6-77-2, Pick 18-5-51-1, Mike 11-0-57-0; Afford 41.3-15-78-3; Field-Buss 35-13-66-4; Crawley 3-0-8-0
Bonus points: Nottinghamshire 5, Hampshire 7.
Umpires: J C Balderstone and B Leadbeater

Surrey v Lancashire

THE OVAL (second day of four): Lancashire, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 156 runs ahead of Surrey

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 392 (M Watkinson 107, G D Lloyd 79, N J Speak 73, Wasim Akram 80; J E Benjamin 4-96)
Second Innings
G D Mendis not out 11
S P Titchard c Kersey b Benjamin 5
P J Martin not out 8
Extras 0
Total (1 wkt) 24
N J Speak, *N H Fairbrother, G D Lloyd, Wasim Akram, G Chapple, †W K Hegg, M Watkinson and A A Barnett to bat.
FALL OF WICKET: 1-12.
BOWLING: Waqar Younis 6-3-9-0; M P Bicknell 3-0-5-0; Benjamin 3-1-10-1.

SURREY: First Innings
D J Bicknell c Hegg b Martin 9
R I Alikhan lbw b Chapple 14
G P Thorpe c Hegg b Martin 8
*M A Lynch c Lloyd b Chapple 32
A D Brown lbw b Wasim Akram 46
A W Smith b Martin 14
†G J Kersey lbw b Wasim Akram 27
M P Bicknell c Watkinson b Chapple 57
N M Kendrick lbw b Wasim Akram 2
Waqar Younis c & b Martin 22
J E Benjamin not out 4
Extras (lb 5, w2, nb 20) 27
Total (97.4 overs) 260
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-23, 3-56, 4-63, 5-115, 6-123, 7-200, 8-202, 9-251
BOWLING: Wasim Akram 24-8-85-3; Martin 24-7-62-4; Watkinson 24-7-54-0; Chapple 15.4-5-50-3; Barnett 10-3-23-0.
Bonus points: Surrey 6, Lancashire 8.
Umpires: R Julian and G A Stickley.

☐ Robin Sims, the Middlesex batsman, has been named Rapid Cricketline Player of the Month for April/May after scoring a double century and a century.

Such and Warne provide spectacular show on day of 13 wickets in first Test at Old Trafford

England spin out of control on freak pitch

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

OLD TRAFFORD (second day of five): England, with two first-innings wickets in hand, are 87 runs behind Australia

ANY idle fancy that England might have entertained of securing a winning position in the first Cornhill Test yesterday was rudely shattered when Shane Warne's first ball pitched a foot outside Mike Gatting's leg stump and hit the top of off. It was a freak and told us we were watching an extraordinary match liable to slip out of England's control.

By the close of a second day of cricket wondrously rare in content and intensity, England were looking second best. Warne had taken three wickets with his leg-spin, Merv Hughes three more with his singular brand of aggression. Only the tail-end batsmen can prevent a damaging deficit.

Modest though Australia's first-innings total of 289 may at first have appeared, it should be enough to win them the match. The pitch is offering more turn than any I have known for a Test match in England and it is unlikely to become any easier.

That is tough on Peter Such, whose figures of six for 67 were the best by an English bowler making his debut since John Lever took seven for 46 in Delhi 17 years ago. It was tough, too, on Graham Gooch, the captain, who dispelled all suspicions about his right to a place with a positive innings of 65.

But England's batting has once again failed. They can blame the conditions, still damp and unfriendly, or they can blame Warne, who at times was unplayable. But this was another unacceptable display from a top order publicly acclaimed by the manager, Keith Fletcher, as the six best batsmen in the country.

It might have been worse if Allan Border had not, unfathomably, waited almost two hours before introducing Warne. Given what had gone before, his one spin bowler, the reformed maverick with proven capacity to transform big matches, was obviously the key figure in the match.

England were suitably grateful for the reprieve. As soon as Warne did appear, 80 for one quickly became 123 for four. Gatting was the unfortunate recipient of that outrageous first ball and his reaction suggested he expected to wake up and find it had never happened.

He stood rooted to the crease, staring at the spot where the ball had pitched and wearing an expression of disbelief matched only by the umpire at Warne's end, Harold Bird. By the time Gatting had persuaded himself to depart, Robin Smith was well on his way from the dressing-room. But he had to make the return journey in Warne's next



Such: six-wicket debut

over, the lessons apparently learned in India plainly not fully absorbed. His defensive thrust was played with unyielding hands, the inevitable edge a gift to a slip fielder like Mark Taylor.

Gooch's dismissal was different again yet indicative of the hold Warne had imposed. Beaten twice in succession by perfectly pitched leg-breaks that darted past the outside edge of the bat, Gooch's disorientated response to a high full toss was to spoon it gently to mid-on.

The duel between Warne and the England captain had always promised to be the highlight, and it was. Having stood at the non-striker's end for three overs, Gooch was deceived by both the leg-break and the "flipper" when he did face up.

His judgment saw him through, however, and when he picked the googly, last ball before tea, and struck it high to the long-on boundary, the spell was briefly broken. Gooch's dismissal has often, in recent years, been the beginning of the end for England. Now, though he had batted gallantly for three hours, he had not made enough to avert such dread.

His opening stand of 71 with Michael Atherton represented England's best since they last went in first together, at Headingley last year, and while Graeme Hick was his partner for the fourth wicket, salvation was still at hand.

The loss of his captain seemed to drain the authority from Hick, however, and after being dropped at gully off the luckless Craig McDermott, he distinguished a thoroughly undeserving short ball from Hughes by thrashing it straight to cover point.

While Warne wheeled away for 21 overs unchanged from the Warwick Road end, turning the ball far too much for most of the lower order, the seam bowlers had their moments. Lewis, discomfited by Hughes persistently digging the ball in short, was caught by Boon at short leg, holding on nimbly at the second attempt. Then Brendon Julian's inswinger accounted for Phillip DeFreitas, leg-before, and Stewart, yorked.

A crowd of around 17,000 had now seen 13 wickets in a breathless day, the first five having fallen to England in the opening 80 minutes as Australia completed their collapse from the almost forgotten comfort of 183 for one.

Gooch will regret not opening with spin at both ends as three overs of DeFreitas cost 13 precious runs. By then, Such had masterfully eliminated Allan Border. As accomplished against the turning ball as anyone in the world, Border grew restless over Such's confinements, surviving a mishit just short of mid-on before being smartly stumped as he groped forward at a ball that spun sharply.

Alec Stewart missed a more difficult stumping from the last ball of the same over but Julian then hapiessly prodded the next ball he faced to short-leg. Such now had five wickets and was on his way to the best debut figures by an Englishman against Australia since 1890. There was no fluke, no flattery.

Philip Tufnell was summoned and the spin bowlers took another wicket each before Warne and McDermott added 22 for the last wicket. Warne's later efforts were more spectacular but not necessarily more significant.

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Big break: Warne, watched by Gooch, bamboozles Gatting with his first ball at Old Trafford yesterday. Photograph: Ian Stewart

CRICKET SCORECARD

England won toss

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

		6s	4s	Min	Ball
M A Taylor c and b Such *Chest high straight push*	124	2	12	325	284
M J Slater c Stewart b DeFreitas *Attempting to pull short ball*	58	—	7	165	131
D C Boon c Lewis b Such *Edge to slip taken at second attempt*	21	—	1	107	90
M E Waugh c and b Tufnell *Low straight drive*	6	—	—	41	37
*A R Border st Stewart b Such *Pushed forward, dragged toe over line*	17	0	1	69	54
S R Waugh b Such *Bowled between bat and pad*	3	0	0	19	19
†I A Healy c Such b Tufnell *Head-high drive to mid-on*	12	0	1	62	48
B P Julian c Gatting b Such *Pushing forward,inside edge to short-leg*	0	0	0	6	5
M G Hughes c DeFreitas b Such *Skier to deep square leg running in*	2	0	0	8	12
S K Warne not out	15	0	0	34	40
C J McDermott run out (Lewis-Stewart) *Quick pick-up and return from square leg*	8	0	0	30	17
Extras (b 8, lb 8, nb 7)	23				
Total (all out, 441 min, 112.3 overs)	289				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-128 (Taylor 63), 2-183 (Taylor 92), 3-221 (Taylor 123), 4-225 (Border 3), 5-232 (Border 6), 6-260 (Healy 12), 7-264 (Healy 12), 8-268 (Healy 12), 9-267 (Warne), 10-289 (Warne 15).

BOWLING: Caddick 15-4-38-0 (nb1) (6-2-16-0 5-0-15-0 4-2-7-0) DeFreitas 23-8-46-1 (nb3) (8-3-14-0 8-3-7-1 6-2-12-0 3-0-13-0), Lewis 13-2-44-0 (nb4) (4-1-13-0 9-1-31-0), Such 33.3-9-67-6 (7-1-28-0 26.3-39-6), Tufnell 26-5-78-2 (nb4) (11-2-32-0 10-2-33-1 7-1-13-1).

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: Second day: (overnight 242-5; Border 9, Healy 6, 92 overs). 250 in 375 mins, 95.1 overs.

MATCHES TO COME: Second Test: Lord's, June 17-21. Third Test: Trent Bridge, July 1-6. Fourth Test: Headingley, July 22-26. Fifth Test: Edgbaston, August 5-9. Sixth Test: The Oval, August 19-23.

ENGLAND: First innings

		6s	4s	Min	Ball
*G A Gooch c Julian b Warne *Full toss straight to mid-on*	65	0	8	180	137
M A Atherton c Healy b Hughes *Edge to keeper trying to take bat away*	19	0	2	99	74
M W Gatting b Warne *Pitched outside leg stump, hit off*	4	0	1	17	12
R A Smith c Taylor b Warne *Playing forward, edged low to slip*	4	0	1	8	6
G A Hick c Border b Hughes *Slash, head-high to cover*	34	0	5	83	71
†A J Stewart b Julian *Drove round full-length inswinger*	27	0	4	75	49
C C Lewis c Boon b Hughes *Nudged high over short-leg, diving catch*	9	0	2	16	12
P A J DeFreitas lbw Julian *Played back to full-length delivery*	5	0	0	17	17
A R Caddick not out	6	0	1	28	18
P M Such not out	9	0	0	20	19
Extras (b 5, lb 10, nb 5)	20				
Total (8 wkts, 278 mins, 68 overs)	202				

P C R Tufnell to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-71 (Gooch 45), 2-80 (Gooch 50), 3-84 (Gooch 50), 4-123 (Hick 22), 5-148 (Stewart 7), 6-168 (Stewart 18), 7-178 (Stewart 22), 8-183 (Caddick 0).

BOWLING: McDermott 18-2-50-0 (nb7) (10-1-30-0 8-1-20-0) Hughes 17-5-52-3 (8-3-21-0 5-2-15-1 4-0-16-2), Julian 11-2-30-2 (5-1-11-0 2-0-6-0 4-1-13-2), Warne 21-7-61-3, Border 1-0-4-0 (one spell each).

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: 50 in 79 mins, 18.3 overs. Tea: 89-3 (Gooch 50, Hick 4) in 36 overs. 100 in 154 mins, 36.2 overs. 150 in 218 mins, 53.1 overs. 200 in 274 mins, 67 overs. Gooch 50: 105 mins, 72 balls, 7 fours.

UMPIRES: H D Bird and K E Palmer

Charlton condemns display in Norway

BOBBY Charlton, a member of the World Cup-winning side of 1966, yesterday added to the criticism of England's football team by admitting that England do not deserve to qualify for the 1994 World Cup finals in the United States after their defeat in Norway. Charlton, speaking in Lausanne, Switzerland, said: "To be perfectly honest, I don't think that we're good enough at the moment."

Charlton was angered by the English performance in the 2-0 defeat in Norway. "It was an unbelievably bad match," the former Manchester United player said. "We were technically naive, unprofessional in everything we did. What really hurts a lot of people is not that they lost the match but the way that they lost it. We always seem to pride ourselves in being aggressive, tough, professional and brave. Those were all the qualities that were lacking. I don't think England have any really, really great players. A fit Paul Gascoigne is a great player, but he's not fit."

Officials of Lazio, Gascoigne's Italian club, are also unhappy. Dino Zoff, the Lazio manager, reacted angrily yesterday to the insinuation of Graham Taylor, the England manager, that the player has "a refuelling problem".

"Taylor is out of touch with reality if he expected Gascoigne to come back as England's inspiration," Zoff said. "We couldn't have asked more from the player in his first year after so serious an injury. I was fully prepared for the highs and lows in his performances, which was why I was careful not to go over the top in praising or criticising him."

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Following in footsteps of de Coubertin

SPORT gets more serious and more intense every year. It is hard to be a laughing cavalier, let alone a Don Quixote, when your career and your mortgage are on the line. But quixotic deeds still lift the heart: the more so as the stakes rise with every passing week. That is why this column's hero of the week, and Pierre de Coubertin's hero of the year, is Eddie Van Hoof, the British men's gymnastics coach. Van Hoof has just won the Pierre de Coubertin International Fair Play Award.

The award, given to a single person annually, recognises a piece of splendid, doomed quixotry in a gymnastics competition in Switzerland. It happened that Rene Pluss, one of the Swiss gymnasts, was badly injured on the floor, and could take no further part in the competition, apparently handing the Brits victory.

But no. It also happened that the Swiss No 1, Daniel Giubellini, was taking part in the proceedings, but out of competition. Van Hoof suggested that he should join the team competition proper. This suggestion was taken up: the result was a narrow victory for the Swiss.

Space invaders

The battle for the proposed Eton College rowing trench is hotting up as the public inquiry continues. Yesterday, a traditional Etonian day of celebration, had Kate Ashbrook, of the Open Spaces Society, saying: "Eton's motto, *Floreat Etonia*, should read 'Let Eton flourish, and let the people perish'." She added, less picturesquely: "Eton boasts that it will create a 'park', 'arboretum' and 'nature reserve'. But Eton's witnesses at the inquiry have conceded that the college will only allow limited access to that land. We deplore the college's high-minded and selfish attitude."



SIMON BARNES
Sporting Diary

I hear of some Bothamesque walloping down in Somerset. Tim Milne writes to tell me of Gary Beal, who hit a century in 22 minutes for Barton against Wells. Beal managed 116 altogether, with 14 sixes and seven fours. Some poor chap called Russell conceded 50 runs to Beal in his last two overs; Speed conceded eight sixes in three overs. Mr Milne compares Beal's scamper with records of a 19-minute century from V. F. S. Crawford in 1899 and a 22-ball century by some fellow called Bradman.

Model pros

A thousand congratulations to Yeovil Town, the GM Conference side famous for FA Cup upsets. Yeovil beat Hereford before going out to Arsenal this season, but now they have won the game's ultimate honour. Yes, the club has become, I am told, the first non-League side to have a Subbuteo team made in its colours.



Joke tyres

One thing that consistently makes me irritated in sport is the sight of showbiz-type show-offs posturing for cameras, exploiting the intensity of top professional sport for cheap publicity. Downtown Julie Brown goes to Super Bowl media day every year in very few clothes and a bowler hat to sit on players' laps. But a finer example comes from Francesco Salvi, a comic who has been mugging at the cameras at the Giro d'Italia bicycle race. His best jape is, ho ho, to let down the tyres of the top Spanish rider Miquel Induráin before the start. This week, Induráin was giving a television interview after a stage. Salvi sneaked behind him, in shot, and let Induráin's tyres down again. Induráin, understandably irritated, responded beautifully by seizing the television camera and smashing it to the ground. *Corriere dello Sport* comments: "He who has no respect for the fatigue of others deserves no respect himself."

Super sub

If you are a member of one of nine first-class counties, and you take out a 12-month subscription to the cricket fanzine, *Johnny Miller 96 not out* (£12.50), the mag will send four quid to your county. Now, there seems nothing wrong with this "Affinity Scheme", as they call it. But the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) knows better. It has advised counties to have nothing to do with the magazine, which is devoted to cricket and full of jokes. To quote the current issue: "The marketing department of the TCCB, an organisation responsible for coloured clothing, advertising sightscreens, slogans being painted on outfields and most of all, losing us the 1995 World Cup, said we were 'anti-cricket'." You can, however, join the Affinity Scheme if you are a member of Derbyshire, Glamorgan, Gloucestershire, Lancashire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, Somerset, Sussex or Warwickshire.

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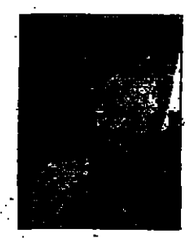
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EXTRACT FROM THE FRANK DIARIES OF AN INSIDER IN THE THATCHER GOVERNMENT

Podgy, Leaky and Little Norman

From inside the cabinet, **Alan Clark** observed the ebb and flow of Tory politics, revealing the conceits of his colleagues — and his own — as each struggled for power in the court of Mrs Thatcher



NORMAN TEBBIT

June 13, 1983: I had to ring Norman Tebbit. (I don't really get on with Tebbit, he always seems slightly suspicious of me. I don't net into his style of humour).

September 1: I was working late at my desk . . . when the phone rang. It was Norman Tebbit. He invited me round for a "chat".

Norman talked interestingly. He knows where in the party his strengths lie, and he knows which grandees want to do him down.

St John-Stevas, of course; but then he's not a proper grandee, just popishly disapproving. And Willie [Whitelaw]. Sometimes Willie harrumphs menacingly about Norman, but is too shrewd not to recognise his qualities.

There are others, who sneer and talk behind their hands to the pink press, but they are of little moment.

I fear Norman does have a chip, but it doesn't show — not all the time, at least — and anyhow who could blame him?

We talked for a very long time. So long that the light started to fade, and as dusk entered the room, so his style became more confessional.

What he really wants to do — curious how many serious politicians covet the post — is to be chairman of the party. Not just yet but to keep it in his sights.

KENNETH CLARKE

April 10, 1984: Now that I am actually faced with the prospect of being dropped as — allegedly — no good, I don't like it. All the gabblers are, of course, immune. As always, as always, Heseltine and that podgy life-insurance-risk Kenneth Clarke are approvingly tipped . . .

April 24, 1985: It was reassuring to hear that the Lady cannot stand Kenneth Clarke, and it is for that reason that he has been so long excluded from the cabinet, which apparently (but not in my estimation) his merits demand.

CECIL PARKINSON

October 1983: Poor old Cecil had a bad time [at the Blackpool conference]. The Lady is determined to save him, but Sara Keays is equally obsessed about getting her pound of flesh.

The delegates are divided, and it is not easy to tell in what proportion. Those who support Cecil are vocal, of course, and give little interviews to the camera.

But I have a nasty feeling that there is a silent majority who are disapproving and shocked.

Cecil himself is handsome and fresh-faced. Seems at times almost to be the injured party. But what an ordeal! His wife, his mistress and his boss, all throwing scenes, sometimes all within the same hour.

Apparently little Gummer, who is demonstrably *churchy* and (unlike the Lady) moralistic, is making a lot of trouble.

December 14 1983: I said it [Parkinson's resignation from the cabinet] was a disaster, the whole thing. He would have been prime minister. Yes, he admitted, all this he knew privately.

He was the Lady's own choice, she had been grooming him, introducing him to the royals — especially the Prince of Wales. He was going to the Foreign Office, would have really sorted it out . . .

Was he, could he come back? Yes. Yes, if she wants me. But he had to pine in the wilderness for some time. Colleagues were determined to keep him out . . .

(John) Wakeham was being unbelievable. The biggest leaker known to man, "he'd even brief journalists *in the street* on the way back from cabinet."

Cecil could never trust Gummer. Sanctimonious little creep. And Cecil suspected that Willie was against him also . . .

What a waste. He is a good man, Cecil. Underrated just because he is handsome. But he has come the whole way on his own.

THE PRESS

March 29, 1984: I was in Peter Morrison's room early. Out of the blue he told me that my suggestions for reforming the Lady's private office would in all probability be put into effect over Easter.

But who was going to be put in charge? None other, or so he claimed, than David Young.

This is appalling. I hardly know the man. But from what I've seen, he's simply a rather grand H. R. Owen, the big Rolls-Royce dealers' salesman.

I got to know the type well when I was working as a runner in Warren Street just after the war. Very much *not* one of the "club".

Worse was to come. Peter told me that he was going to have a red box, minister of state rank, and "*operate from the Lords*".

It is virtually signed up . . . I said I was not too keen on the idea. The party never likes outsiders getting high ministerial rank without going through the mill.

This threatens to be the end of an era in more senses than one. It finally writes off Ian [Gow]'s chances of getting back to the epicentre of power, as well as any role for me in that scheme of things.

I left early for lunch and tipped him off using one of the lobby phones. As I would have expected, Ian was businesslike, showed no emotion. But he must have felt shattered. He said, as the appointment was so imminent, there was nothing that could be done to alter it. That's right, I told him.

But I determine to have one try. There is only one journalist influential enough to make an effective scene about this if he minded to do so, and that is Peter Riddell of the *Financial Times* [now political editor of *The Times*].

He is well informed about all three parties and writes with great insight. But he might approve.

Supposing he likes DY? I contemplated leaking the story to him, and made an assignment to speak to him in the Lords' corridor. Then I got cold feet; too easily traced.

Almost immediately afterwards a brilliant idea — my old friend and standby for many a dirty trick, Jonathan Aitken. I told him the problem. He was very understanding, got the point at once, and promised that he would attend to it immediately.

March 30, 1984: The fish has taken! A critical account on the *front page* of the *FT*, setting out the prime minister's intentions, her decision to appoint David Young, the rank intended for him, etc, plus a beautifully restrained piece of comment about "reservations" in the party concerning DY's "controversial past" in property development, etc.

It is very late, but might just do the trick, partly because it is a leak of the intention, partly because it is couched in such distinguished, though disapproving, language. [One journalist in particular, Bruce Anderson, was Clark's confidant throughout the period.]

March 19 1988: On Thursday evening Bruce told me that he had been in conversations with Wakeham, who had told him: "She'll have him in the Cabinet if she can."

And it is true that I am in good favour at the moment. Perhaps because I send her a multitude of little notes and reports, but always through Charles (Powell, Mrs Thatcher's Private Secretary), and I never ask for anything.

October 2, 1988: Bruce laid down the law on personalities, and ratings. My own shares are badly down . . . Bruce was dismissive about Tristan (Garel-Jones): "not up to it"; and (Ian) Gow "can't get a grip on things". I don't like this. These are *my* friends. I mean *my* close friends. Then he made matters worse by saying that he had had a talk with Michael (Heseltine). "He is formidable. He" — pause — "is" — pause — "formidable" . . .

PARTY PEOPLE

May 12, 1984: [At Earl Spencer's sixtieth birthday ball] When we went into the hall a magnificent sight presented itself: Barbara Cartland wearing an electric pink chiffon dress, with false eyelashes as thick as those black caterpillars that give you a rash if you handle them, was draped on the central staircase with her dress arranged like a caricature of the celebrated Cecil Beaton photograph of the Countessa of Jersey, at Osterley.

She and Mervyn Stockwood were making stylised conversation, he complete with gaiters, waistcoat, much purple showing here and there, and various pendant charms and crucifixes.

Some of the more mature ladies at the ball itself could hardly move, so encrustulated were they. The Princess of Wales, on the other hand, looked absolutely radiantly beautiful and was wearing not one single piece of jewellery.

All the minor royals were there, but very few politicians. Besides us I spotted George Thomas, Norman St John-Stevas, the Heseltines and little Norman Lamont. NL is a social mystery, a complete *je-suis-partout*. Why? He is quite amusing, but I don't see the full cachet.

DAVID YOUNG

April 1988: David Young and I dined together last night at Brooks's. David began to run through the key personalities [in the cabinet]. He was voluble, but spoke shrewdly.

John Moore, totally destroyed, finished. Could even be dropped without trace in September. Ken Clarke, lazy, flawed, though "quite good". (Irritatingly, when he said "Ken", I had thought he was referring to Baker, and I rejoined "very" good). I compensated by saying, "I couldn't work with him". "Oh quite. Quite."

Nigel Lawson and [Nicholas] Ridley were both washed out. But I queried this in Lawson's case.

MICHAEL MATES

May 15, 1990: I am in tremendous form at the moment. This afternoon I pleased the House at questions. It is a triumph if you can make *both* sides laugh good-humouredly, as I first discovered memorably, questioning Merlyn Rees in 1976.

Dale Campbell-Savours came in with an ill-natured supplementary — "Will the minister ensure that his department . . . does not get into bed with any of the companies from which the member for Petersfield is drawing a retainer . . ."

Mates sat staring straight ahead, face as black as thunder. Much uproar, "show" indignation, points of order.

When it settled down, I was expected to make a pompous rebuttal; at the very least a reference to the committee on members' interests, every confidence, etc, etc.

But I don't like Mates; the House doesn't like Mates. I said: "One thing I have learned, Mr Speaker, is that it is never the slightest use telling people who they shouldn't go to bed with."

Everyone was delighted — except, of course, Mates.

MARGARET THATCHER
GEOFFREY HOWE

October 1988: After a bit Geoffrey Howe started getting restive [on the flight back from the Anglo-Italian Summit]. No-one had addressed a word to him. He heaved himself past me, saying that he was going to change into a black tie.

"Good," I said. "Then you can serve us all drinks." He pretended not to have heard, but when he came back, "Two large gins and tonics, please, and, prime minister, the maître d'hôtel is here and wants to know what you're going to have?" She didn't say anything, but grinned engagingly.

EDITH CRESSON

[Then French industry minister] **October 1987:** Oh-so-fashionably dressed, and wafting a most terribly expensive parfum . . . I spotted her as soon as I came in, on the opposite side of the table being all lala with her officials [at a Council of Ministers meeting in Luxembourg]. Our eyes met, but my expression was — or was intended to be — disdainful . . . I was standing in a little huddle with the UKREP officials just behind my chair, when Along came Madame, swinging her hips most outrageously, and all "get me".

She quite flagrantly (and with great style, I must admit) swept between us, then paused and posed. Poor old James Walker [deputy head of UKREP] somewhat gauchely made the introductions.

The whole thing was so outrageous that I had to grin. She immediately froze up, went all don't-think-I'm-that-easy. High horse. Yes, I suppose she is "attractive", a kind of up-market Irene Worth.

But alas (as Irene herself found on the *Queen Mary*) I am not in the slightest degree aroused by "the older woman". They are fun to sit next to at dinner, but I don't want to get any closer. For me, girls have to be succulent, and that really means under 25.

● *Extracted from* Diaries *by Alan Clark (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £20).*

DRAMATIS PERSONAE

Kenneth Baker	education secretary 1986-89
Kenneth Clarke	health secretary (1982-85)
Michael Heseltine	defence secretary (1983-86)
Geoffrey Howe	foreign secretary (1983-89)
Norman Lamont	trade and industry minister (1981-85)
Michael Mates	MP for East Hampshire (1974-)
Cecil Parkinson	trade and industry secretary (Jun-Oct 1983)
Norman St John-Stevas	leader of the Commons (1979-81)
Norman Tebbit	employment secretary (1981-83), trade and industry secretary (1983-85), party chairman (1985-87)
Margaret Thatcher	prime minister (1979-90)
John Wakeham	chief whip (1983-87)
Lord Whitelaw	leader of the Lords (1983-88)

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Even the most lowly of despairing divot-diggers is welcome to take an improving swing on this Berkshire golf course, as **Arthur Leathley** discovers

No handicap to a golfing weekend



In the swing: the quest for perfection on the golf course can take a lifetime — "but it should also be fun"

The frustrations of beginner's golf are legion, but only one irritation rivals the novice's infernal inability to hack that little white ball accurately — finding a golf course on which to achieve adequacy.

With good reason, unseasoned hopefuls are discouraged from marching down the fairways of established golf clubs before they have proved, by earning a handicap, that their tee-shot will out-travel the accompanying divot. Overcrowded municipal courses or endless hours of tedium at a driving range are the only options generally available to the earnest beginner.

Now a partial solution for the anguished is being offered by Mike Upcott, a golf professional who has taken heed of the cries of frustration from aspiring golfers. In league with the four-star Oakley Court Hotel in Berkshire, he holds beginners' golfing weekends. A 48-hour introduction to the sport is designed to help players ranging from the absolute beginner to those on the verge of achieving that sought-after handicap.

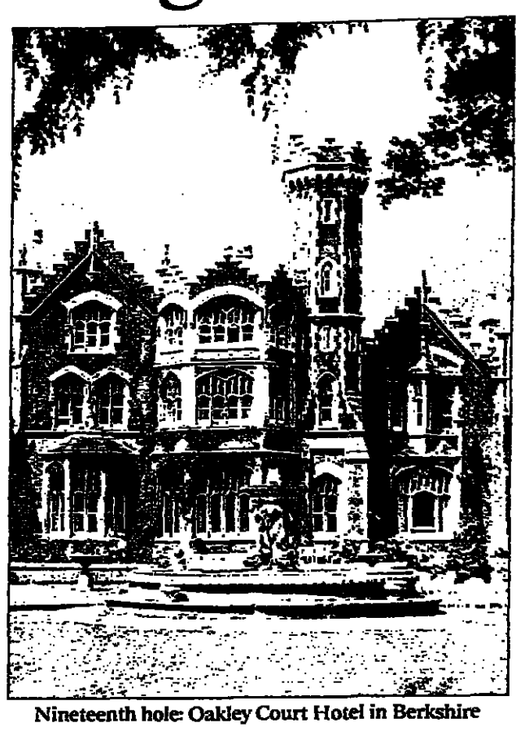
"It is an extremely frustrating sport, which will never be mastered," Mr Upton says. "But it should also be fun, and the aim of the weekend is to introduce players to the game without all the distractions. Golf courses can be intimidating, even to the likes of Nick Faldo, and people can be frightened away from the game." As a former member of the Professional Golf Association tour who has previously qualified for the British Open, he knows the pressures of golf.

Now his commitment is to encouraging more people to learn the skills, rules and etiquette of the game. "It is as important to know how to behave as to know how to play," he says.

Mr Upton is well suited to his role of tutor. The gentlest of giants, his affable manner, ready humour and soft Edinburgh lilt calm the nerves of the most fretful. "I want people to enjoy themselves but also to work hard. That way they will progress."

A weekend's tuition only touches the outer edges of a player's failings, but it proved useful to both my wife and me. Taking mischievous pleasure in "ripping you apart, Arthur," Mr Upton conquered the first stages in converting my hockey-playing technique into a swing resembling that of a golfer.

The weekend begins on Friday night in the comfort of the Oakleaf restaurant which, under head chef Murdo MacSween, is the holder of the AA two-rosette award. The restaurant makes much of Scottish produce, with excellent game, salmon and beef prominent on the menu.



Nineteenth hole: Oakley Court Hotel in Berkshire

On Saturday morning, golfing guests turn their minds to the real business of the weekend. A one-hour golf clinic takes the beginner through the rudiments of the game or, for those nearing handicap status, sets about curing bad habits.

A buffet lunch at the hotel is followed by further practice at Mr Upton's Braywick golf range, and players have unlimited access to the hotel's neat nine-hole course.

At first glance, the course looks no more offensive than a seaside pitch-and-putt. However, on Mr Upton's advice, the hotel has fashioned an awkward par-three course (soon to be extended to include three par-four holes up to 251 yards long) that punishes the erratic and the careless.

In the absence of water hazards and cavernous bunkers, the learner can play with a confidence which may not extend to the motorists on the adjoining A308.

Without the pressure, embarrassment or sheer exhaustion of zig-zagging across an 18-hole course, newcomers can take their first swing in anger in the relaxed surroundings of the private course before retiring, jubilant or depressed, to the Oakleaf.

The quality of service and charm of staff at the Victorian hotel continue the weekend's conviviality. By sparing time for banter about the day's golfing, restaurant staff give the impression of being genuinely interested in their guests' sporting joys and frustrations.

Until 1979, the château-styled hotel lay in general disrepair, serving as the stock location for 200 films, including the *Dracula* series, *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* and the St Trinian's epics. But with a £3 million refurbishment, it has recaptured much of its original internal opulence, although some of the grounds reaching to the banks of the Thames need closer tending.

It is back to basics on Sunday. Following a traditional Sunday lunch, those with the energy pour themselves back to the nine-hole course for a good-natured competition on the nine-hole course.

"Not everyone wants to compete hard, but it is up to them. The whole weekend is designed to suit the learner," Mr Upton says.

He and the hotel have also arranged intermediate-level courses, only for those with handicaps, which offer similar instruction but also a round of golf with Mr Upton on one of the nearby courses.

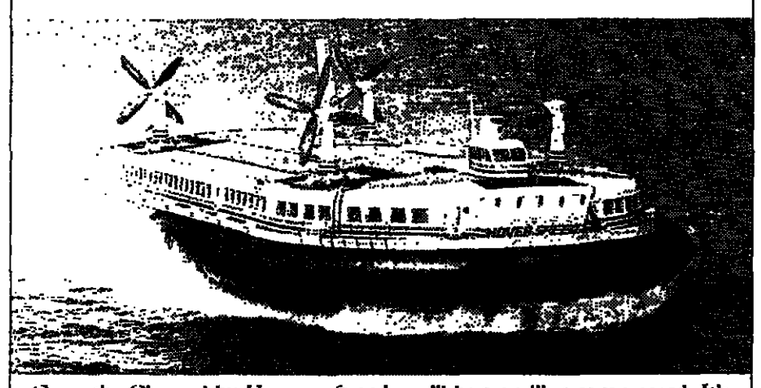
Among these courses are the charmingly exclusive Temple golf club, Moor Park and, for those willing to spend a little more, the famed Wentworth and Sunningdale courses.

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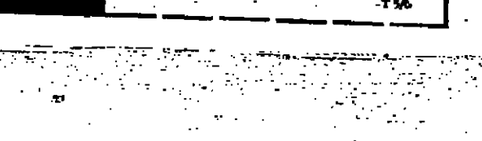
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Making a song and dance and a tribute of tripods

I am like a child, about to open his Christmas stocking, who does not know which brightly wrapped parcel to attack first. On the one hand, I have a hefty fistful of entries for the dagging-song contest I announced a couple of weeks ago. Mindful that this essential tidying of a sheep's rear-end had never been sufficiently celebrated in rhyme or music, I asked you to remedy the situation.

Well, letters are arriving in such quantities that if I can find a suitable sponsor I may even be persuaded to stage the Euro-Dagging Song Contest. We shall see. I shall give you a few more weeks to marshal your final thoughts before I declare the post-bag closed. Anyway, Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber has yet to submit his entry, and I would not like him to feel left out.

My other bundles of joy are my tripods of lucerne, the building of which I reported on last week. Beset by adverse weather, I decided to follow the hay-making method of my hero, the 1940s farmer Newman Turner. Instead of allowing his hay to lie for up to a week and dry in the sun in the usual manner, he advocated building tripods 8ft-high and, despite the grass being still green and running with sap, building it into heaps on the three legs that he had erected.



It sounds barmy. Anyone who has mown a lawn and piled the cuttings into a heap will know that first of all they heat, then they rot. The last thing I need is a couple of tons of stinking slime.

I went away last week leaving a magnificent field of loaded tripods looking as if they were born of another age: green and shaggy, primitive and mystical. But while I was away, a thought nagged me. After a particularly bad hay-making season last year, a kind reader sent me a photocopy of an extract from another book, written again at the end of the 1940s. No sooner was I home than I went to the chest where all your letters are kept. What I read both gladdened my heart and sent a shiver of apprehension through me.

Friend Sykes, another advocate of sensible and "natural" farming practices, had the vision to see that an unhealthy chemical onslaught was about to overtake agriculture; and he, too, thought there was no better way of preserving the nutritional qualities of grass and lucerne than drying them on tripods. But two things worried me. The first was that Sykes insists that after mowing, the clippings are immediately tedded, using a machine which flicks them high into the air so they fall like the remnants of a child's pillow fight, ensuring that both air and sun get at every wisp without hindrance. He advocates a "kicker type" and recommends the "Lion" by Bamfords of Uttoxeter. It is without doubt the most beguiling agricultural machine ever made. As the horse walks forwards, a series of hands, which are carried on an axle behind him, flick upwards in the manner of a dippy young thing from the 1920s kicking her heels and dancing the Charleston.



As the dance and the machine are of the same era, I suppose it is possible that one inspired the other.

Anyway, I would dearly love to Charleston my way across the meadows, and if anyone knows the whereabouts of such a machine, you would make an anxious hay-maker very happy.

The other worrying thing is that Sykes insists that home-made tripods should not be used, and tells of his love of a device invented by Captain Alec Procter. He even gives the address, as The Hangh, Blairgowrie, Perthshire. But I doubt there is any point dropping the captain a line after all these years in the hope of discovering his secret. For my tripods, we simply took a few ash poles cut from a nearby wood and strung them together with fencing wire. They looked fine, but now I am worried in case the captain had in some mysterious way invested magical properties in his tripods.

And so I nerve myself, and my hand reaches for the pitchfork. Much depends on the outcome of this little experiment, for if it works it will reinforce my view that the old-timers understood more about farming than the agri-scientists of the late 20th century care to believe.

My tripods now stand as tributes to Turner, Sykes and the captain. Let us hope the hay is worthy of their memory. If it is not, I may be announcing a further song contest, but it will not be as good-humoured as the one I am now enjoying.

Hooked on the old fisherman's tales

Brian Clarke meets Bernard Venables, angler and artist, escaping the 40-year shadow of Mr Crabtree



THE week before I met Bernard Venables, I was in a gathering of great anglers. They were famous men, household names in the dangling trade: a few young guns, but mostly something-somethings; men who had been around a long time, men not easily impressed.

I chose my moment, then lobbed it in like a soft grenade. "I'm seeing Bernard Venables next week."

"Bernard Venables! I've still got my Mr Crabtree."

"Who hasn't?"

"*Mr Crabtree Goes Fishing* — what a book. D'you know . . . ", and they were off, like boys talking about the latest film or the best bit from last night's telly.

For each of us, the years peeled away and there, walking through some pastoral vignette, was the most famous angler since Izaak Walton. He was a big man, square-shouldered and lantern-jawed, festooned with rods and bags. His son, Peter, was there padding along beside him, asking the questions we would have asked, eliciting for millions of lads our age and beyond the ways of fish and the wiles of fishermen and a proper appreciation of the water. Such was the power of the book and the hold its atmospheric illustrations and text had taken that it stopped all other conversation among fathers and grandfathers, 40 years on.

It is not what Bernard Venables would have wanted of the *Daily Mirror* strip cartoon and the book based on it that seduced an angling generation so long ago. He would, he told me when eventually we met, have taken great pleasure in the discussion — but not in the extent to which that one, long-ago work continues to subordinate so much else that he has done.

And it is true. Over the years Mr Crabtree's persona has grown so big, has cast such a long shadow, that even now, at 86, one senses Mr Venables himself is still in its shade.



Bernard Venables on the river. Picture: Ted Bath

Mr Venables has achieved much that is worthy of light, as his latest book makes clear. *Bernard Venables — The Illustrated Memoirs of a Fisherman* is, cannily, to be published on June 15, the day before the start of the new coarse fishing season.

Much of the book is vintage Venables; all Waltonian romance, fishing ideals and heroic tales from afar. There is much about the merits of angling in traditional ways and some acerbic comments on the way electronic gadgetry is replacing old angling skills. But it is the milestones and diversity of his life that stand out. Mr Venables has written 17 other books, including one on tanks, one on a journey down the Zambesi and one about open-boat whaling in the Azores. In 1953 he co-founded the biggest selling angling newspaper in Britain. *Angling Times* and ten years later created *Creel*, a magazine as lovely as a damsel-fly, though sadly as ephemeral because its economics were wrong for the time.

Most important of all there has been his art — an aspect of his life that is one largely unknown to his huge but highly specialised public.

Mr Venables is an accomplished sculptor of stone and a wood carver. As a painter in oil and watercolour, he has exhibited at the Royal Academy.

Testimony to these and other aspects to his life leans or hangs or is propped up in the small council bungalow where he and his wife, Eileen, live in Upavon, Wiltshire. He hopes to move out of the bungalow before long. "I've never been very good with money, I'm afraid. And I didn't get a penny in royalties for *Mr Crabtree* because I was on the staff of the *Daily Mirror* when I did it."

The bungalow may be as small and crammed as a tackle bag, but Upavon is a good place for Mr Venables to live. It is in the kind of beautiful countryside that he has painted so often; and the Avon runs through it, widening and deepening to become the river where so many of his stories and images have been set.

He still works a ten-hour day, seven days a week, mostly painting allegorical works, "because I am driven by them", but also working on the commissions that he needs to keep him going. He also goes fishing when he can — quietly, without gadgetry, angling in the traditional way with a group of friends who fish that way, too.

Mr Crabtree, for all his creator's mild ambivalence, would approve of that. But whether *Memoirs of a Fisherman* will cause him to inch along the bank and allow more light to fall on Mr Venables himself, remains to be seen.

● Bernard Venables — The Illustrated Memoirs of a Fisherman *(Merlin Unwin, £19.95).*



Net gains: landing a trout on the Salisbury Avon, painted by Bernard Venables — "I am able to say with fair certainty that it will be upwards of 1lb"

Feather report

Two heads with a Satanic look

Looking out over a lake at the moment, you may think there is something wrong with your eyes. A great crested grebe swimming some way from the shore has two heads — or did, a moment ago.

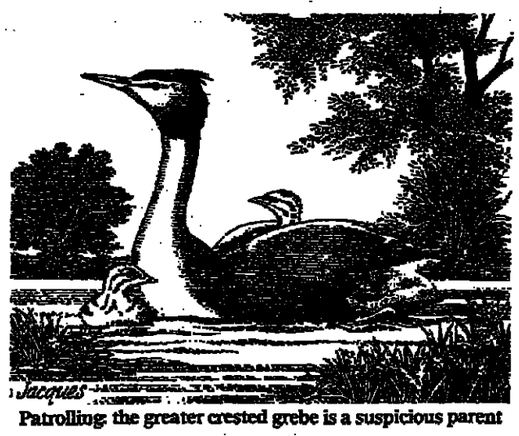
It is not an hallucination. For a moment it did have two heads — and one belonged to a young grebe riding on its back, hidden beneath the wings until it put its head up and had a look round.

Great crested grebes are remarkable birds. They are very handsome, in a Satanic way: they have a gaudy chestnut ruff and a fierce, dagger-like beak, and when they face you their dark ear-tufts, meeting in front above the beak, look like a pair of sinister eyebrows. Then they have this startling manner of taking their small young around with them.

When the adult dives, the tiny, striped chicks usually float off its back, although sometimes they go under and come up again still clinging on. They make their way across the water to their other parent and clamber up there.

Not all of this summer's young grebes are out of the egg yet. Further along the lake there is a solitary great crested grebe, staring at you suspiciously as it slowly patrols a patch of thin reeds. Somewhere in there its mate is sitting on a floating nest.

A pair of tufted ducks is also swimming idly in front of the reed-bed. The drake is black with a white patch on the flank, the female dark brown,



Patrolling: the greater crested grebe is a suspicious parent

and both have bright yellow eyes with which they too are watching you.

Tufted ducks are late nesters, and this pair is still waiting to build a nest somewhere on the lake shore. Eventually the duck will lay between eight and 18 white eggs — and if, as sometimes happens, another one uses the same nest, they will end up with an enormous pile of eggs.

Under some overhanging willow boughs there is more activity. A coot has just dived, and around the ripples are some curious birds, dark above, silvery-grey beneath, and revealing a bright red mouth as they make piteous, piping notes. They are the coot's family, already growing up, but still begging.

When the parent surfaces, the first thing it does is to swim hard at one of them and try to peck it. Coots are irascible birds and get as angry with their young as with other coots that try to invade their territory. However, next time it dives it comes up with some water weed and gives it to one of the pleading offspring.

There are more coots further along — a younger family this time. The tiny birds that are fizzing about on the water are at this stage totally different from their parents. They look like coloured toys: orange round the neck, yellow on the back. They were out on the water almost as soon as they hatched, but they will go back to the nest, or rest on other reed platforms specially built for them, until they are a little larger.

Yet another family is close inshore round the headland: two Canada geese, with five goslings. The adult Canada geese are used to being fed by passers-by, so they do not move off as you approach them — but their instinct is nevertheless to threaten you. They crinkle their black and white necks, then immediately straighten them, so that their heads bob up and down; and as you get to the water's edge, they start hissing at you.

The goslings are still small, and covered with fine golden down. As the party swims off, the young birds are shepherded by their parents, one slightly in front on one side, one at the back on the other.

The waterfowl are not the only lake-users. Sedge warblers are singing a jerky song in the osiers; a reed warbler is producing an even more scrappy song in the reed-bed, as it hangs on to a stem with one foot above the other. And over the water the swifts are hurtling. They rocket up into the air, and shoot far away over the trees; a moment later you can hear the rush of their wings above your head as they return. They are just about to nest and are building up their strength with a feast of aquatic flies before the rigours of family life begin.

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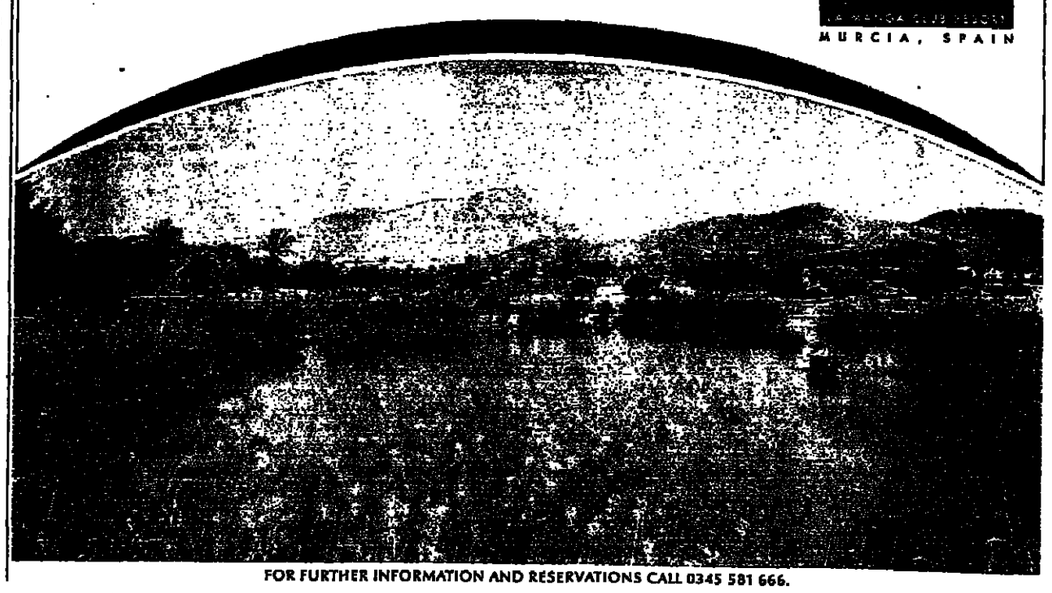
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Putting a bloom on the menu

Conversation and presentation should complement a meal. Robin Young receives some food for thought

STEPHEN MARKESON



Conversation piece: (left to right) Caroline Dickenson, Michael Buckley Sharp, Anton Mosimann and Karen Wright Pocock discuss how flowers can enhance the pleasure of dining

As a dinner party, it bore a dangerous resemblance to a session of *Gardeners' Question Time*. "Celosias? How would you spell that?" "Spell it? I'm not even sure that's how you pronounce it".

But these were no gnarled old herbaceous borderers, about to tell us that the answer lay in the soil. These were lively blondes about town, ladies who lunch, and dinner-party hostesses preparing for the Season, happily discussing the ideal way of arranging lunch and dinner parties over salmon *sashimi* at Mosimann's in Belgravia.

The flower arrangement that Caroline Dickenson had brought to the party was, everyone agreed, an example of the contribution flower power might make. Predominantly sweet peas, it was punctuated with saintpaulia pot plants, laced with wands of variegated foliage, and given an exotic touch by the celosias, which look like thick bits of vegetable petticoat.

"I hate to cook," said Nikki Woodhead Page. "What I love is creating ambience, decorating the room, and designing the table. For me it's down to Marks & Spencer or call in the outside caterers for food, but I did do a two-day course with Caroline to learn how to make flowers look pretty."

It turned out that Mrs Page's *tour de force* to date had been her husband's fortieth birthday party, involving a horse-drawn mystery tour of central London. She had a piano draped in flowers, and someone tinkling the ivories, for the reception at the May Fair Hotel. They lost her mother *en route* with a bottle of champagne, but what everyone remembered was the care taken over the presentation and the meal in the cellars of the Café Royal.

"The important thing", said Karen Wright Pocock, "is a sense of proportion and minute attention to detail." Mrs Pocock runs the Wedding Company in Kingston upon Thames, so she is accustomed to attending to details.

"You see how Anton Mosimann has dusted the rim of this shiny black plate with red cayenne pepper," she said, waving past the mouthwatering *sashimi*. Looking dark and rich on black plates, it was piquantly tasty. "That is attention to detail. It makes it look special. With a dessert, he often dusts the plates with icing sugar for a similar effect. It is marvellous. Then, of course, your flowers have to take account of the colours of the service you are using, as well as the room."

Sensing that we were getting a little too deeply into flowers for a mere man, she added: "You will understand that the flowers on the table must never be too high. Otherwise guests will not be able to see each other, or to talk without weaving their heads about to see round or through them."

Elizabeth Reid Scott, a film school graduate and comedy writer, sought advice on effects that would be "really something special". Dancing on the table was suggested, but she, too, meant flowers.

Her dining room, she told Miss Dickenson, was Monet blue and yellow ("sort of Giverny in London") but with the added feature of a display of two-tone pink Victorian china plates. Usually, she said, she used arrangements with the colours of the room, with some white or very light yellow flowers added to lighten the effect.

Miss Dickenson, who had just been telling me you should "never dilute white", said discreetly: "You obviously have quite strong opinions about it, and if that is something you have been doing frequently, then I am sure that it works."

Miss Dickenson has some strong dislikes. Among them are Dutch irises, carnations (my favourites), chrysanthemums and glasshouse roses. Her loves are garden roses ("you cannot beat them for scent") and flowers in their season, such as, at present, stocks, sweet peas, sweet williams, and delphiniums, and shortly gladioli, asters and dahlias.

I drew her to one side and got her to confide her cardinal rules for successfully blooming parties, so that the others could talk about swimming pools, supermarkets or school fees for a change.

Apart from not diluting white flowers with other colours, Miss Dickenson thinks it important not to use more than three or four varieties per arrangement, to avoid harsh colours but not to be frightened of contrasting ones, to choose attractively scented varieties whenever possible, and to remember that the greenery is as important as the flowers — you should buy foliage from the local florist if nothing from the garden will suit.

However, leaving flower arrangement to the last minute evidently runs the risk of tangling with the cookery. Mr Mosimann said that that could be a good reason to serve salmon *sashimi*, whose dressing should be prepared at least five or six hours in advance. He thought Miss Dickenson's flowers and what he had put on the plates complemented each other beautifully.

The perfect way to follow the salmon *sashimi*, suggested Mr Mosimann, would be marinated and barbecued baby chicken, cheeses, and pancakes with summer berries, raspberry *coulis* and honey-flavoured ice-cream.

Just once, Miss Dickenson volunteered, a chef had banned her from using a flower because it was too smelly. The cause of offence was not hyacinths or paper-white narcissi, both of which have smells I abhor. The banned substance, she revealed, was jasmine. Mr Mosimann said he found jasmine overpowering, too. "I might let you hang it in the roof," he said, "but I would not like it near the food and wine."

Michael Buckley Sharp, my fellow male at the table, did not share my aversion to hyacinths or the ladies' interest in flowers. "I am not really a cut-flowers person," he said. "I would rather see large displays of greenery in a vase or have a small arrangement in each place as part of the individual table setting than a big display in the middle. Otherwise I would rather see growing plants, such as a large bowl of hyacinths, which would smell nice."

Feeling as limp as a thoroughly pooped poppy, I suggested that if I was at a dinner party and serving expensive wines, I would be upset to find hyacinths anywhere near.

"Well, I do think wine at dinner parties is far more important than the flowers," Mr Buckley Sharp said with a big smile. "Ah", I thought, perking up again as I lifted a glass of pink champagne, "a kindred spirit at last."

Japanese ingredients in the following recipe are available from Japanese supermarkets, some Chinese stores and many health-food shops around the country.

WHAT MAKES A SPECIAL MEAL?

INVITATION: What makes a meal special? If you would like to share your favourite meal — it might involve a recipe, a particular combination of people, a special setting, or perhaps you have an infallible menu — write 800 words, including a recipe, and send them to: Entertaining People, Weekend, The Times, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. Authors of published entries will receive a bottle of Moët & Chandon champagne, a bottle of Hine cognac and a copy of *Memorable Dinners*, edited by Derek Nimmo

Anton Mosimann's salmon sashimi with spring onion and toasted sesame seeds

serves 4

For the dressing:

25ml/1fl oz sake
45ml/3tbsp mirin
1 2.5cm/1in piece of kelp (kombu) wiped
15ml/3tbsp tamari sauce
225ml/7½fl oz dark soy sauce
5g/¼oz loose bonito flakes.

Ingredients:

350g/12oz salmon fillet cut into strips 5mm/¼in thick
20ml/5tsp finely sliced spring onion
salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
toasted sesame seeds
12 coriander leaves

Gently heat sake and mirin together, then light with match to burn off the alcohol. Add the other dressing ingredients, bring to the boil and simmer for five minutes. Cool for five to six hours.

Brush about 10ml/2tsps of dressing over centre of serving plate, season lightly with salt and pepper. Arrange extremely fresh salmon in a circle and generously brush with more dressing. Sprinkle spring onion and toasted sesame seeds over the fish and add coriander leaves.

RESTAURANT WATCH

White turns into Brown in northern switch

FAST MOVING
Box Tree Restaurant
20 Church Street, Ilkley, West Yorkshire (0943 608484)
Jonathan Brown, 27, having replaced Bruce Sangster at Murrayshall Hotel at Scone on Tayside only in March, has now beaten two Michelin-starred chefs to the vacancy at the Box Tree after Marco Pierre White's brief consultancy there *(Robin Young writes)*. Brown formerly worked with John Burton-Race at Le Petit Blanc and L'Ortolan, and is reckoned to be a dab-hand with scallops. Lunch £22.50, dinner £29.50. Open noon-2pm, Tuesday to Friday and Sunday; 7-10pm Tuesday to Saturday.

WALLBANGER
Harvey's
2 Bellevue Road, London, SW17 (081-672 0114)
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PAST: His principal mentors were Karl Wadsack of the old Quaglino's (now at The Three Lions pub at Stuckton, near Fordingbridge, Hampshire) and Raymond Blanc of the Manoir aux Quat' Saisons. Mr Burton-Race was the triumphant choice of the British Academy of Gastronomes to cook for Britain at a culinary contest in Madrid last year, netting two gold awards and one silver.

FUTURE: Should capture the third Michelin star shortly.

PERSONAL: Likes coarse fishing, the French Riviera, and "crashing in the Caribbean".

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IN THE coming weeks I shall be writing about informal entertaining, particularly for outdoors. The plan for today's luncheon, however, has variations and could easily meet most needs for entertaining of a more formal kind. I have concentrated on a few elegant, colourful appetising dishes that can be prepared without too much trouble. Some of the dishes can be prepared the day before.

The asparagus tartlets are good served on their own or with one of the soups. Young, green vegetables can replace the asparagus, cooked in exactly the same way. I particularly like broad beans, cooked and skinned first, as they combine well with ripe tomatoes. Courgettes, broccoli or fresh peas can be used.

Although I have given recipes for a cold and a hot soup, both can be served cold or hot. The classic vichysoisse is, of course, made with leeks and potatoes, but my version uses herbs, and you can choose different herbs to those I have suggested. Watercress, coriander, dill, chives, garlic-chives, chervil are all extremely good.

Saffron and mint are flavours I like to combine with fish and I have given a general method for poaching and preparing jellied fish dishes, together with recipe ideas.

By accident, the other day I found another way to use the mint and cucumber combination. I had the refrigerator too cold and two cucumbers froze solid. Once they were just soft enough, I sliced them. I put them in the food processor with a few mint leaves, a squeeze of lime juice, some salt and pepper, processed the mixture, and produced a soft, pale green, refreshing and marvellous sorbet. A winner.

The tea cream, exotic though it sounds, is a very simple baked custard recipe. Following the same method, coffee, chocolate, liquorice, cinnamon or orange can be used to flavour similar creams. You can make a particularly good one by infusing saffron in the milk and sweetening the custard with honey.

If a warm cheese course might be welcome, grilled goats cheese on toast is the answer.

Drinks? As an alternative to champagne, there are three other dry sparklers I like: from California, the delightfully dry and tasty Schramsberg; from the Loire valley, Vouvray; and from southwest France, Blanquette de Limoux.

Asparagus cream tartlets
(makes 12)

½lb/230g shortcrust pastry
¾lb/340g tender green asparagus
1oz/30g crème fraîche or Greek yoghurt
½lb/230g firm, ripe tomatoes
garnish: flat-leaf parsley

Roll out the pastry, cut out 12 rounds with a pastry cutter and line 12 tart tins. Prick the pastry with a fork and bake blind for 12-15 minutes in a pre-heated oven, 190C/375F, gas mark 5.

Meanwhile, rinse the asparagus thoroughly and break off the woody stems. Cut off the asparagus tips and reserve these for the garnish. Break the rest of the asparagus into pieces and drop them into boiling salted water. Cook until completely tender. For the last minute or two, steam the asparagus tips in a colander over the boiling water. Drain all the asparagus. Put the tips to one side and rub the stalks through a sieve. Mix the purée with the cream or yoghurt, and season to taste. Peel, seed and dice the tomatoes.

When the tarts are cool, place a teaspoonful of tomato in the bottom of each, pile the asparagus cream on top and garnish with the asparagus tips and parsley.

Parsley and sorrel vichysoisse
(serves 6-8)

1 medium onion, peeled and diced
1lb/455g large new potatoes, scraped and diced
1pt/570ml water
¼lb/110g parsley
2oz/60g sorrel
1pt/570ml full cream milk
1pt/570ml chicken or vegetable stock
salt, pepper

Cook the onion and potato in water until tender. Add the parsley and boil for two minutes, then drop in the sorrel to blanch it. Immediately pour in the cold milk to stop the cooking. Add the stock, blend and sieve, if you wish, and chill until required. Season before serving.

The best potatoes I have come across recently are oval, yellow-fleshed waxy tubers from Valencia in Spain. They bake in their jackets, are good roasted, are excellent in salads and make good soup.

Tomato and garlic soup with lovage
(serves 6-8)

2lb/900g ripe tomatoes
2 or 3 heads of new garlic
2tbsp sunflower, grapeseed or groundnut oil
2pt/1.15l vegetable stock
3 or 4 sprigs of lovage, or celery top
½ tsp freshly grated ginger, or pinch of powdered ginger
salt, pepper

Halve the tomatoes, separate garlic cloves and peel. Heat the oil in a heavy saucepan and stir in tomatoes and garlic. Cook until juices begin to caramelise, but without browning vegetables. Add half the stock, lovage or celery and ginger, and cook until the garlic is soft. Allow to cool slightly, blend and sieve and return the liquid to the saucepan. Stir in remaining stock, reheat. Season before serving.

Cold poached fish in jelly

Courtbouillon
1pt/570ml good, dry white wine
1pt/570ml water
1 celery stalk, chopped
slice of fresh ginger (optional)
piece of orange zest
2 bay leaves
1 sprig of tarragon and thyme
handful of parsley stalks
1tsp peppercorns
2tsp salt

Simmer ingredients in a saucepan for 30 minutes. Strain them into a wide, shallow pan.

Flavouring

If using saffron, put two to three tablespoons of hot courtbouillon in a cup, and in it infuse a pinch of saffron thread.

Gelatine

Allow four sheets or four teaspoons gelatine for each pint/570ml of liquid. Before adding it to the hot liquid, soften the gelatine in a little cold water, measuring it from the total amount of liquid required.

To poach the fish

Carefully lower the fish into the boiling courtbouillon, which will immediately go off the boil. Lower the heat and bring the liquid gently back to just under simmering point, where the water shivers but no bubbles break the surface. Thick fish steaks should be poached for about ten minutes; fillets or skate wings are poached for about five to eight minutes, and whole fish, such as salmon or seabass, for ten minutes for each inch/2.5cm of thickness at the deepest part (i.e., the shoulder). Remove the fish carefully and drain it on a clean towel or kitchen paper, and then transfer to a rack to cool. If poaching a very large fish, you will need to make double or triple the quantity of courtbouillon.

To make 1 pint/570ml jelly

Strain the cooking liquid through a sieve lined with wet muslin. Measure out just over ¾pt/430ml and put in a jug. Stir in the softened gelatine until it has dissolved. Add the saffron liquid if using it. Season the liquid to taste, bearing in mind that as it cools the flavour will weaken. Lay the fish in a terrine, ring mould, jelly mould or soup plates. Add any herbs, spices or other garnish, and spoon on the cold liquid. Cover carefully and refrigerate until set.

Suggested combinations

1 Skate shreds and salmon cubes with skinned, seeded, diced tomatoes set in a saffron jelly.
2 Salmon with sliced or diced cucumber, disgorged first, set in a mint jelly made by infusing mint leaves in courtbouillon; add whole mint leaves to the jelly.
3 Prawns with halibut, cod or monkfish with chopped dill set in a dill and lemon jelly.

Tea cream with toasted almonds
(serves 6-8)

1pt/570ml full cream milk
1 level tbsp tea leaves
2 size 3 free-range eggs and 3 egg yolks
¼lb/110g caster sugar
¼pt/140ml double cream

Decoration

Candied angelica and toasted flaked or halved almonds.

Put milk and tea leaves in a saucepan and bring to the boil. Remove from heat and infuse for five minutes. Put the eggs, sugar and cream in a bowl and beat thoroughly. Strain the milk over beaten egg mixture and mix thoroughly. Strain into a quiche dish or individual ramekins and place in a roasting tin with hot water half way up the sides of the container. Bake in a pre-heated oven at 170C/325F, gas mark 3 for 25-30 minutes, depending on the depth of the custard. Cool, and then refrigerate until required. Decorate with toasted almonds and angelica.

DIANA LEADBETTER



The art of buying from cask

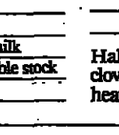
BUILDING A WINE CELLAR: 6

THE pleasures of buying wine *en primeur*, or when the wine is still in cask before bottling, just about outweigh the pitfalls. However, anyone contemplating *en primeur* purchases needs to know what he or she is in for beforehand.

This is doubly important during the spring and summer, when wine merchants launch their Bordeaux *en primeur* offers of the previous vintage: although this year's campaign for the large, rained-on 1992 crop is likely to be short. Would-be cellarers should know how to tackle the next year's *en primeur* offers of '91 and '92 vintage port, more '91 red and white burgundy, plus the first of the '92s.

Because merchants' cellars are awash with great, recent vintages, such as the '88, '89 and '90, no one should buy *en primeur* thinking they are going to make money. If you are fortunate, and do plenty of homework — talking to merchants who understand the market, comparing lists and studying form — you should save money, but you will not make it. Even Farr Vintners, the fine wine specialist, could cite only three wines it has offered recently *en primeur* that leapt in price afterwards, including the 1990 Montrose at £122, now £300, and the Rhône's 1989 Beaucastel, up from £72 to £240.

With luck, your *en primeur* purchase will be keenly priced. If the wine is rare and made by a small producer, such as one of the leading Burgundy domaines, or from a tiny, leading Pomerol estate such as Pétrus, La Fleur and Le Pin, buying the wine *en primeur* may be your only chance to purchase it. Several of the smaller Rhône estates with great reputations, such as Château Beaucastel, also fit into this category. There is also the assurance with *en primeur* purchases that your wine, bought direct from the château which made it, has been perfectly stored and maintained before it is delivered into your hands.



ANOTHER important *en primeur* plus point is the fun attached to building your own tailor-made wine cellar, backing the horses you fancy and evaluating them over the years. There is also much pleasure in homing in on an unknown property before its reputation has been set, or investing in the renaissance of an old, once-lacklustre estate.

The pitfalls of *en primeur* purchases are many. Amateur cellarers' chief concern will be whether their wine purchases will go down in value in the short term and the anxiety of having capital tied up. And, given the unproven track record of young vintage wine, there is also the chance that a chosen château does not live up to its expectations.

More worrying is the knowledge that lots of *en primeur* purchases have failed to turn up because of bankruptcy, theft or fraud. The best safeguard is to buy from a long-established wine merchant.



MOST merchants quote in-bond, in-cellar, per case prices, and buyers should expect to pay shipping, insurance and duty. Delivery is usually extra and VAT is levied on the lot. At today's rates, this means you will pay between £20 to £25 per case on top of the in-bond prices quoted. If you store your wine with the merchant you bought it from, expect to pay storage and insurance charges of at least £5 a case.

JANE MACQUITTY

● *Recommended merchants for en primeur purchases include: Averys, 7 Park Street, Bristol, (0272 214141); Berry Bros & Rudd, 3 St James's Street, London SW1 (071-396 9600); Bibendum, 113 Regent's Park Road, NW1 (071-722 5577); Corney & Barrow, 12 Helmet Row, EC1 (071-251 4051); Domaine Direct, 29 Wilmington Square, WC1 (071-837 1142); Farr Vintners, 19 Sussex Street, SW1 (071-828 1960); Justerini & Brooks, 61 St James's Street, SW1 (071-493 8721); Laytons, 20 Midland Road, NW1 (071-388 5081); Lay & Wheeler, 6 Culver Street West, Colchester, Essex (0206 76446); The Wine Society, Gunnels Wood Road, Stevenage, Herts (0438 741177).*

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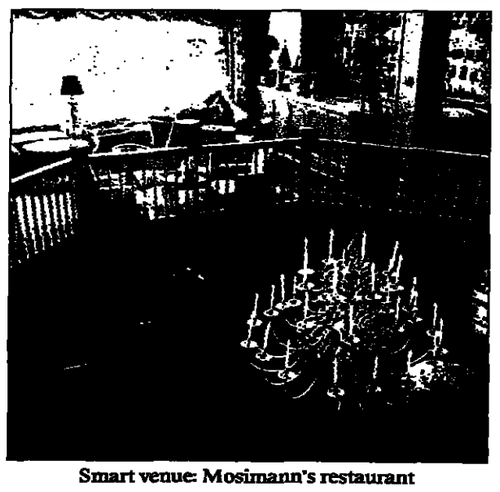
IF you've always wanted to know how to make your dinner table stunning, whether you should use scented flowers in the dining room, or how to impress your friends with stunning flower arrangements. If you want to know which flowers to use with which colours and with what foods or if you want to be inspired to do something different then here is your chance. You can also pick up some of Anton Mosimann's innovative ideas on food presentation and enjoy a meal in the restaurant, where his his attention to detail is obvious.

The Times has got together with Anton Mosimann and Caroline Dickenson to offer readers two masterclasses at Anton Mosimann's Club on two days — July 31 and August 7. Guests are invited to arrive at 11.30am before a flower demonstration by Caroline Dickenson at 12.00. This is followed by lunch at 1pm. See "Putting a bloom on the menu", opposite. The cost of the demonstration and lunch including wine, service and VAT is £38.

Caroline Dickenson was Constance Spry trained and now holds flower contracts for several of London's top restaurants including Mosimann's. She is one of London's most innovative florists, known for her use of colour and for creating free-flowing arrangements showing off the beauty of the flowers.

After the flower demonstration lunch will be served in the restaurant. The menu will be salmon sashimi with spring onion and toasted sesame seeds (for recipe see opposite); marinated and barbecued baby chicken with market vegetables; a selection of continental and English cheeses; pancakes "sans rival" (summer berries with coulis of raspberry and folded into a pancake, served lukewarm with honey flavoured vanilla ice-cream; coffee and petits fours. Mouton Cadet red and white wines, by Baron Philippe de Rothschild, will be served with the lunch.

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The Eating-In Show brings together good food and fine wine, culinary talents, designer cooking equipment, tableware, and decorative ideas for entertaining at home. *Times* readers will be able to collect a selection of gifts.

Tickets for the event are £35, of which £15 will be donated to Birthright, the mother and baby research charity which funds medical research projects for the better health of women and babies. During the evening there will be live demonstrations by top chefs, wine tasting, a rice cookery demonstration, a question-and-answer session and a prize draw.

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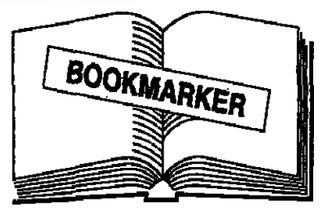
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Provence to politics, **Derwent May** on what the reviewers had to say

● **Toujours Peter:** Should we pity Peter Mayle? His second book, *Toujours Provence*, is still on the paperback bestseller list after a year and a week, but the reviewers have been pouring gleeful scorn on his first novel, *Hotel Pastis* (Hamish Hamilton, £15.99).

I made a few critical remarks myself about the morality of his hero in *The Times* last week, but it was nothing to what followed. The novel is about an advertising man, Simon Shaw, who builds a hotel in Provence. Sebastian Faulks, in *The Independent on Sunday*, observed that Peter Mayle "offers 16 brand names in the first 10 pages of his novel," but "has declined to take on characterisation or plot." "Escape from Madison Avenue!" he urged the author.

In *The Sunday Telegraph*, Jane Shilling acknowledged that millions of readers would find in *Hotel Pastis* what they had developed a taste for in his other books — "a sort of South of France-style theme park" — but it was not really a novel, it was "the literary equivalent of lift musak".

Laura Cummings said in *The Guardian* that what Simon builds in Provence is "a Hotel Pastiche". Carole Mansur wrote in *The Daily Telegraph* that the book "moves with the agility of a man who has had a very large lunch."

Peter Mayle is learning that novel critics are a harsher race than the travel writers who were sent his earlier books to review.

● **Jolly Millar Once?** Ronald Millar, playwright and Baroness Thatcher's unpaid speechwriter, got a good kick-off for his autobiography in the *Daily Mail*. Peter Lewis called him a "political Jeeves" and commended his "frank, good-humoured" memoirs, *A View from the Wings* (Weidenfeld, £18.99).

However, Gerald Kaufman was so wrathful in *The Daily Telegraph* that he hardly seemed able to distinguish between Millar, Thatcher and the *Telegraph* subscribers: "Sir Ronald knows unerringly the middle-aged, middle-class readership on whom his memoirs are targeted. Some, including me, may regard this as a terrible book, but to the enormous public that likes safe plays, and unsafe political leaders like Lady Thatcher, it should sell like hot cakes."

In *The Sunday Telegraph* Hugh Massingberd found the book "excruciatingly arch", and only really enjoyed the Thatcher bits. He was sorry to learn that Lady Thatcher had become distant, even cold, since Millar started helping Mr Major, and suggested cruelly that "the thrillingly bossy figure of Virginia Bottomley might yet bring fresh excitement to his senescence".

● **Life vs Life:** Ronald Dworkin's book, *Life's Dominion: An Argument About Abortion and Euthanasia* (HarperCollins, £17.50) elicited some strong reactions.

In the *Spectator*, Mary Warnock brought out the main distinction made by Dworkin: between those conservatives or Catholics who hold that all life is sacred from the moment of conception, and those liberals who, while holding that life is sacred, believe that sometimes we have to sacrifice a life being lived at a very low level in favour of a life being lived at the full, or "in earnest".

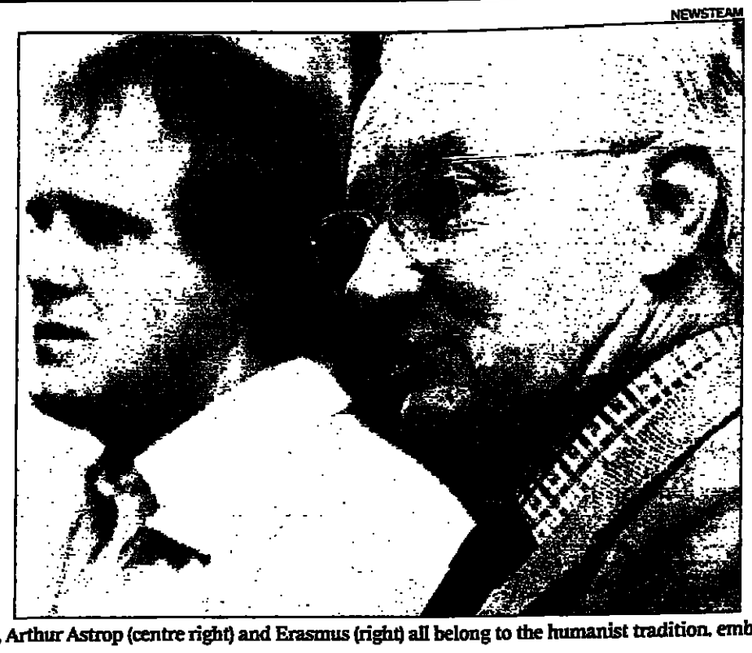
Roger Scruton, in *The Sunday Telegraph*, argued that liberal views like Dworkin's could by their nature do nothing to counter the belief that "each life is, from the outset, consecrated with an inner meaning we cannot discern".

Meanwhile, Angela Lambert, in the *Daily Mail*, wrote violently in praise of Dworkin's "reasoned and humane arguments", which, she said, "would counter the ravings of the pro-life squad, who will murder doctors in their crusade to 'protect' a foetus." Lady Warnock's hope that Dworkin's clarity would help to reconcile the parties did not seem to be coming true.

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Moral crusaders: Sir Thomas More (left), Arthur Astrop (centre right) and Erasmus (right) all belong to the humanist tradition, embracing Christians, agnostics and atheists

A good argument for the godless



Ruth Gledhill joins a humanist meeting, where moral issues are thrashed out in heated debate

Coventry and Warwickshire humanists, meetings at Waverley Day Centre, 65 Waverley Road, Kenilworth, Warwickshire. Tel: George Broadhead on 0926 58450
CHAIRMAN: Roger Vincent.
LECTURE: A brave attempt at a difficult subject: the power of words.★★★
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AFTER-MEETING CARE: Tea, coffee and biscuits and as much debate as can be handled.★★★
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HUMANISTS do not pray, sing or worship: they argue. And while it is technically incorrect to call a humanist meeting a "service", in one key respect the meeting of the Coventry and Warwickshire humanists that I attended mirrored the average service in a country parish church: the people were, to all intents, identical.

The group was founded 18 years ago, after the secretary, Roy Saich, put an advertisement in the *Coventry Evening Telegraph*. It meets each month in a homely day-centre in Kenilworth, which has seen better days.

A small box invited donations for the tea and coffee served at the end. On a table at the back, publications such as *Funerals without God: A Practical Guide to Non-Religious Funerals* were for sale. Humanists, who claim a need for ceremonies to mark rites of passage for those with no religious faith, have developed their own funeral, wedding and naming ceremonies.

Karl Heath, a retired philosophy lecturer and the elder statesman of the group, said: "Quite a lot of people are asking for humanist funerals nowadays. I am not so keen myself. I think we ought to concentrate more on life than on death." At the Leamington Peace Festival on June 19 and 20, Mr Heath will be offering "free arguments" at the humanist stall. His comments on funerals prompted brisk discussion about BBC Radio 4's *The Archers*, where the possibility of a humanist naming ceremony for Ruth Archer's perpetually screaming baby has come up as an option.

About 25 people, mainly elderly but with a substantial minority of enthusiastic young people, had gathered. The meeting was billed to start at 7.30pm, but it soon became clear that the first 15 minutes were for warm-up arguments before the main debate began.

John Wilson, 39, a salesman from Warwick, said, "I was brought up in the Roman Catholic faith. I looked at it in a logical fashion, and none of it seemed to make sense. Humanism is a replacement of beliefs. Atheism is a faith."

Most humanists do not believe in God, although it is impossible to generalise. Mr Heath said: "Humanism means more than atheism. The original humanists — John Colet, Sir Thomas More, Erasmus — were Christian. I would say that I have never had any experience of the supernatural, so I have no reason to believe in it." Group literature cites Albert Einstein: "The foundation of morality should not be made dependent on myth nor tied to any authority, lest doubt about the myth or about the legitimacy of the authority imperil the foundation of sound judgment and action." Members argue that moral values are the principles on which good human relationships depend.

Peter Brearey, editor of *The Freethinker*, the secular humanist monthly associated with the National Secular Society, the more militant of the humanist organisations, estimates that Britain has about 10,000 active humanists. These belong to his society, the British Humanist Association and the South Place Ethical Society as well as independent groups such as the Leicester Secular Society and the Coventry and Warwickshire Humanists. "But there are millions more for whom religion is no longer part of their lives," Mr Brearey said.

As the meeting got underway, at 7.45pm, we had business announcements first from the secretary.

Arthur Astrop, who is retired, opened the formal part of the evening, a debate on "The Power and Peril of Words". He began by apologising that his address was more lighthearted than those the society was used to, adding: "I have already exercised some power through the choice of my opening words. By starting in an apologetic manner, I hoped to disarm criticism that the talk is not up to the usual intellectual standard." Like so many humanists, he went on to quote the Bible: "In the beginning was the word," but tempered this with references to Confucius and Shakespeare. He said: "We all know that when a politician says, 'I want to make it absolutely clear', he's about to confuse matters further."

In the remaining hour, most of the group came in with their own thoughts and opinions. Rhetoric, as the primary means of communication, has always been cultivated by humanists. I left with admiration for the ability of this small group to communicate, a skill which both spiritual and secular worlds would do well to cultivate.

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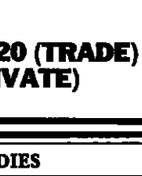
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Flying high: strength and stamina count for little in kite flying these days; the various, ingenious styles make it an exciting and invigorating pastime everyone can enjoy

Up in the air over kites

An ancient Chinese sport is back in fashion, says **Jessica Gorst-Williams**

Hamish Walker, nearly three, is practising for his birthday kite party. Each of his guess will be given a kite like the one he is holding, a 25ft dragon "ready to fly", costing £7.50. Made of Mylar, it is ideal in light to medium winds, like the similar 45ft one (£9.50) that Hamish's sister Annabel, aged four, is unravelling. Yet Hamish is not unwinding anything. Just staring up. "When we fly our kites", says Annabel, giving him a side-long glance, "we think we are up in the air, too."

"The kites will probably only last two years", says their father, Derick Walker, "but look at the enjoyment we are getting for the price. We fly them for 45 minutes. When we go inside, Hamish is so exhausted he has to go to bed."

The Walker family's passion for kiting started with a visit to a fête last autumn, where there was a display of stunt-kite flying. "None of us said anything, but Christmas came and I'd organised both children to give Daddy a kite," says Fiona Walker. "Unknown to me, he'd been to the kite shop too, and bought one for me."

It was a Rapido Storm carbon-fibre sports kite made of tough ripstop nylon costing £19.95. Six to 20mph winds are its forte. "Flying that kite is the only thing I have got the knack of, and Derick hasn't," Mrs Walker says. Now she and Annabel fly it together, which demonstrates that, unlike in sports such as tennis, strength and stamina count for little in kite flying, giving children, women and the elderly an equal chance.

Kites were invented in China 3,000 years ago. Since then, they have been used for reconnaissance missions, dropping leaflets, target practice and pulling canoes. Now kiting is a competitive sport worldwide. Competitors are judged on skills ranging from precision flying, where a pattern is mapped out in the sky, to choreographed ballet. There are also team events, such as fighting with *rokkaku* (six-sided, Japanese kites), in which as many as 30 teams with distinguishing patterned kites try to cut their opponents' lines. A two-metre *rokkaku*, which is quite difficult to assemble, costs £64.

Some kites are now so sophisticated and capable of such heights that the Civil Aviation Authority has issued a list of rules. Kites must not be flown higher than 200ft, nor within five miles of an airport, near roads or railway lines. Never fly them near overhead cables, directly over people's heads or in places where animals might be frightened. Kite flying in stormy weather should be avoided.

"You should choose a site with no trees and few buildings," says Sarah Kent, a member of the UK *rokkaku* team. "Anything of substantial height or bulk will obstruct the flow of wind. If you are standing in the wind shadow, turbulent air will cause the kite to tip over."

What then should you fly?

The cheapest kite we found was the small Kiskeedee from the Caribbean at £1.75. Ours is made out of polythene with a fibre-glass bow.

It needs little more than a breeze and is suitable for children from three years upwards, although Elizabeth, aged six, who tried it out, seemed justified in wanting something more exciting.

The best value at £5.95, plus £1.10 for tails and line, is the diamond-shaped Malay, made of ripstop nylon. It is recommended for children from eight upwards for use in light to medium winds. Andrew and Hugo, both aged ten, went off with it in a 22mph wind and had hours of fun. "It went really, really high," they said.

The Zig Zag two-line steerable stunt kite costs £6.95, complete with handles, string and long tail. It is made of polythene, is recommended for children aged seven or more and thrives, it is said, in 7-8mph winds.

Two-line kites can pose problems. Assembling an £8.95 Slipstream took the edge off the fun. It is made of polythene, with glass fibre struts and two handles, and is suitable for eight years upwards. It flew quite well and could have been wonderful in more expert hands.

The 2 sq ft Parafoil soft kite needs no assembling and has only one line. It costs £9.95, plus £1.10 for the line, and relies on the wind to inflate it.

From here on, the price of kites can soar: £115 will buy you a Japanese crane kite, which will flap its wings. For £179 you can have 12ft of shark kite, £79.95 will buy a pair of disembodied legs 9ft across. A pair 69ft long, made to order, will set you back about £2,000.

Fortunately, judging by Hamish's expression as he curls up to sleep, the stuff of dreams is far less expensive.

The British National Team Sport Kite Championships will be held on the beach at Weston-super-Mare, Avon, on June 12 and 13.

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Elsewhere, grunge may rule. Yet, after an evening in the Savoy's River Room, it is clear that rumours of glamour's demise have been greatly exaggerated. The true spirit of dinner dancing is flourishing: intimate celebrations when couples, quartets of friends or posses of relatives eat fine cuisine, drink vintage wine and foxtrot off a few of the excess calories to a real, live band.

They have been stompin' at the Savoy (as the song goes), six nights a week since before the first world war without a break. Even during the second world war fire-watchers swept the incendiary bombs off the roof, the floorshow went on — in the air raid shelters.

All of this is a far cry from the kind of dinner dance many of us have grown to know and dread. Hijacked by the charity circuit, dinner dancing shook off its racy, El Morocco-ish fug of decadent glamour and instead became synonymous with rented evening wear, mediocre cuisine and having to shell out for expensive raffle tickets which offered the prospect of winning consumer durables you would never dream of buying or, if you were really lucky, holidays to places to which you did not want to go.

Small wonder, perhaps, that the £50-or-so-a-plate charity dinner dance is on the wane. In Manhattan, the smart set now send cheques, allowing them to spend the evenings curled cosily on their couches, while plunging corporate profits have practically put the company dinner dance on ice.

On a crisp Friday evening, our fellow diners were a mixed bunch: silver weddings, birthday party-goers, lovers, pimpled teenagers on *exeat* from boarding school, and the occasional child who will no doubt forever remember being allowed to stay up past bedtime and eat roast beef carved from a vast cupola-ed trolley while ladies wafted by in a miasma of Chanel No 5. In fact, the crowd is surprisingly youthful, with more than a sprinkling of chic couples in their twenties and thirties, all in quest of an elegance all too hard to find in the Nasty Nineties.

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Dancing into history: a ball at the Savoy Hotel, 1911

The most sought-after tables line the picture windows overlooking the Thames. Not infrequently, it is the location for a diamond-in-the-champers-style marriage proposal. "Not infrequently," says Thomas O'Connell, the Savoy's food and beverage manager, "young women have been known to say yes . . ."

The legendary César Ritz — the Savoy's original general manager, who landed his job on the recommendation of the influential Lillie Langtry — was the first to introduce the concept of music with dinner, hiring Johann Strauss "to cover the silence which hangs like a pall over an English dinner table". As Mr O'Connell explains: "The dancing came later, beginning with demonstrations when a professional couple would tango to a rapt audience, until spectators found themselves unable to resist the temptation to join in the dance." A vogue was born and, so famous did the Savoy Orpheans, the in-house band, become, that between the world wars their broadcasts reached a radio audience of 123 million throughout Europe.

Today's diners apparently find the Orpheans — now reduced to a tuneful trio from their former 16-strong glory — equally irresistible. The number of revellers rarely dips below 140. At weekends, to avoid the cosiness of having to shoe-horn the burgeoning total of 220 into the River Room, partitions are removed to extend the dining area into the Pinafore Room. The effect is not so much Rhapsody in Blue as Symphony in Pink. This was, after all, the first hotel to introduce rose-coloured tablecloths, and its success probably cannot be divorced from the fact that everyone — from dowagers downwards — looks that little bit healthier (and younger) basking in the soft glow from the napery and walls.

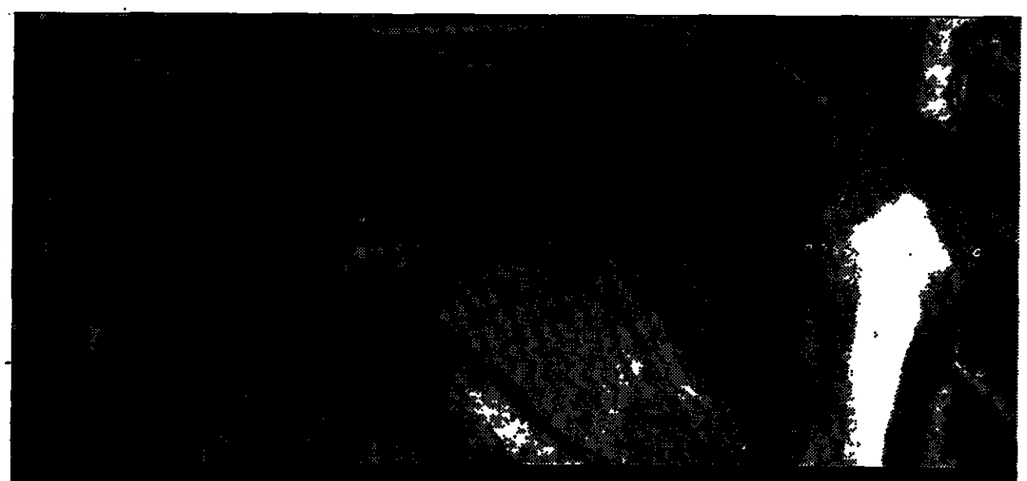
Evenings at the Savoy once boasted can-can dancers and world-class cabaret acts, before Las Vegas lured them away with fees too good to be refused. With them disappeared the raised Savoy stage and the black-tie dress code.

Now, there is little of the genuine foxtrot or the fandango about the Savoy's nightly soirée. The style is anything *but* strictly ballroom as the diners trip the light fantastic in a room bathed in candlelight and the eerie fluorescent glow from the South Bank Arts Centre.

The menu changes daily, there are special ingredients of the month — in June, lobsters and langoustine appear regularly. Despite dishes described as in the "régime naturel" category — artichoke and rocket soup, or quail's egg saffron risotto — the bent is overwhelmingly towards extravagance.

So it *is* still possible to look back in languor at a bygone era, when life was wild, and couples did not have to toss a coin to determine who would be the Perrier-drinking designated driver. Of course, such an experience does not come cheap. Even without wine, a five-course blow out costs £42.30, three courses come in at £36.50 and on the à la carte menu, main courses hover in the £20 zone — but the appeal is that the only after-dinner speech you will have to sit through is from a man pushing a loaded dessert trolley. Nobody is going to flog you a tombola ticket all evening.

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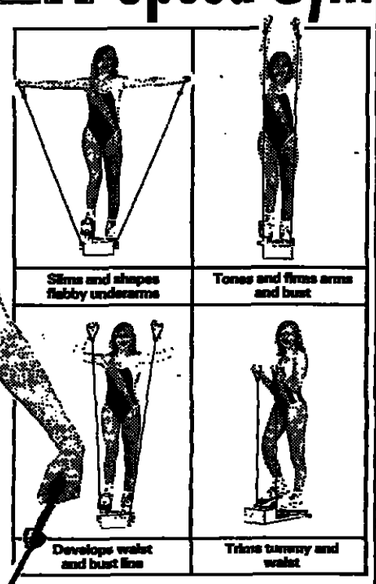
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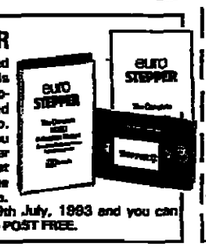
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Fashion goes wild in the mixed beds and borders

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Cultivated wilderness: Crowther mimics the effect of neglect

Plants are indicators of fashion just as much as clothes, and they are easier on the pocket. Nowhere is fashionable horticulture more flamboyantly visible than at the Chelsea Flower Show, and now the dust has settled after this year's show, I am sorting out my notes and lists of plants to acquire and ideas to adopt.

There is a touch of wildness in the air this year, which exhibited itself in many of the Chelsea gardens, with wildflowers sometimes in striking juxtaposition with choice rarities. One of the exhibitors, Rosemary Verey, placed the pink-flowered "Herb Robert" and Welsh poppies in apparently artless design around baroque urns and statuary by the firm of Crowther. The pretty white variety of *geranium sylvaticum*, white foxgloves and ferns were as if naturalised in the longer grass beneath the trees and beside the brook in Arabella Lennox-Boyd's emulation of a natural woodland garden around a ruin.



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There was out-and-out wildness, as well as human influence, in the Julie Toll/John Chambers gold-medal seashore garden. Thrift and sea campion ornamented its rocky dune, and where sand met soil, there was an informal garden with ragged robin, tamarix and red valerian, and a border of annuals such as corn marigold, cornflowers and gleaming red pheasant's eye.

Water is an incalculable asset in gardens where, if you lack natural resources, sophisticated strategies can be used to mimic naturalistic pools, streams or falls. The slim, beautiful *sibirica* group of irises are superb waterside plants. It is interesting to compare the merits of the named cultivars — I never realised there were so many.

I liked the deep violet "Emperor", ashy-blue "Mrs Rowe" and the paler "Caesar" and "Perry's Blue". These, with white and plum-coloured varieties, are the results of complicated breeding experiments, mostly achieved over the past 30 years, as I learnt from the National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens (NCCPG) in Shropshire, which has built up a collection of *Iris sibirica* cultivars, many unavailable through the nursery trade.

I was glad to have my attention drawn to this graceful group of irises, which naturalise well in moist soils, including heavy ones such as my own.

One hundred and fifty years after Gertrude Jekyll's birth, her influence continues to be expressed in lovely borders, such as those designed by Jane Fearnley-Whittingstall, who used plants with which Jekyll was specifically associated, but it was evident also in superb associations and controlled use of colour elsewhere.

A beautiful *anchusa*, "Lodden Royalist", appeared in many displays but most desirably in association with violet irises, and the rabbit-eared lavender *stoechas*, against a background of the blue-grey foliage of *Rosa glauca*, a combination easy to reproduce or elaborate on.

Alliums are also in fashion, *en bloc* winning a gold medal for Rupert Goldby and prominent in the award-winning exhibits of Glebe Cottage garden and Paradise Centre. A tall-stemmed species bearing a cascade of bell-like flowers (moved from *Allium* to become *Nectaroscordum siculum*) set me tingling with excitement. The species is coloured plum with greenish tones; the sub species *bulgaricum* is a paler pink and greeny-beige. It will grow in shade, its nectar-rich bells a great attraction for bees as well as people who love unusual plants.

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Prize-winning garden developed to attract wildlife: unusual lilacs, brooms, old shrub roses, cistus, abutilon and summer wildflowers. Adult £1.25, child 25p. Tomorrow, 2-6pm.

☐ **Gloucestershire:** *Yew Tree House, north of Tewkesbury, on the western edge of Twyning village on Brokeridge Common (500yd from M50/A38 junction).*
Interesting trees, roses and other shrubs. Gardening advice. Plants for sale. Adult £1, child 50p. Today, tomorrow, 2-6.30pm.

☐ **Lothian:** *Dr Neil's Garden, Duddingston village, (3m east of Edinburgh city centre).*
Landscaped garden on the lower slopes of Arthur's Seat, with conifers, heathers and alpines. Adult £1, child free. Today and tomorrow, 2-5pm.

WEEKEND TIPS

● *Annual and tender perennial plants can be planted out of doors in most areas; allow time to acclimatise and protect from late frost.*

● *Check your plants indoors and outside every day if possible for signs of pest damage; arrest it in its earliest stages.*

● *Thin out alternate gooseberries to make sharp-tasting pies; leave the remaining fruit to ripen to sweetness.*

● *Transplant your brassica and leek plants.*

● *Regularly secure fast-growing sweet-pea shoots to their supports.*

MY PERFECT WEEKEND

TESSA STRICKLAND

Publisher



Where would you go?
I have just moved from London to an ancient farmhouse outside Bath. In spring, the house is sub-arctic, but by early June the sun has started to penetrate the old stone, the lanes are crowded with flowers and everywhere looks beautiful. I'd stay here.

Where would you stay?
At the top of the house there is a tiny room in the eaves. Its window faces east, and as I love to wake up to early morning sunshine, I'd sleep up there in sheets of finest Egyptian cotton.

Who would be your perfect companion?
My weekdays are chock-full of children, visits from authors and artists, trips to and from schools, to and from the local photocopier, to and from designers, accountants, booksellers. I enjoy being busy and the constant encounters with friends and strangers, but I hanker for solitude and silence. I would spend the weekend alone, apart from a Saturday morning visitor who would provide me with the plants I most want for my garden — lily of the valley, flag irises, roses and fruit trees.

What essential piece of clothing or kit would you have?
A pair of gardening gloves and my old red walking shoes.

What medicines would you have?
My medicine and my luxury would be one and the same — a bottle of jasmine oil administered in the early evening from head to toe by a highly trained oriental aromatherapist.

What would you have to eat?
"C'est le vin qui fait chanter le fromage," a Catholic bishop once taught me. I would eat bowls of salad and fresh white bread, and in honour of Dionysus, have a tray of cheeses from the shop on Walcot Street in Bath with a bottle of 1961 Margaux. I would also have copious supplies of mineral water and fresh coffee for breakfast.

What books would you read?
My first love is poetry. I would read Seamus Heaney, Irina Ratushinskaya, Pablo Neruda and a collection of Bengali folk songs, *The Mirror of the Sky*.

What music would you listen to?
Anything by Bach.

What would you watch on television?
I am temperamentally incapable of sitting in front of a television screen except to watch the Grand National.

Would you play any games or sport?
I would run, walk, roll, race and meander my way around the neighbouring countryside.

What piece of art would you like to have there?
A passing angel would leave an old but immaculately decorated Romany caravan in the garden for future use as a windproof studio and summerhouse.

Who would be your least welcome guest?
The postman.

What three things would you leave behind?
Wind, rain and telephones.

What would you most like to do?
I would like to plant apple trees and magnolias in the garden; lie still in the sun for long stretches of time and listen, listen, listen; fool around on the piano; and eat green apples in the bath. On Sunday evening, I would like to find my three children upstairs in bed, waiting for storyteller Andrew Peters to come by with his didgeridoo and tell us one of his wildest, longest, saddest and funniest folk stories.

Interview by Roseanna Greenstreet

● *In September, Tessa Strickland will launch Barefoot Books, a publishing house devoted to offering children of all ages myths, stories, legends and fairy tales from all over the world.*

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Step by step to running success

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Starting on the right foot: getting fit for a marathon means following a planned programme

Summer is usually the most pleasant time of the year for running. If you exercise in the early morning or in the cool of the evening you will enjoy the conditions, feel light on your feet and full of zest. .

Leaving home in the morning for a jog when the air is fresh and the sun is shining does not take much effort. If you are lucky enough to live near woods, fields or beaches, you will benefit mentally from running in a natural environment (but remember that in isolated areas, it is sensible to run with a partner).

After your run, you will then approach the rest of the day feeling 10ft tall. If you run at dusk after work, the problems of the day will seem less acute.

If you have been exercising regularly since our suggested schedule last month (*The Times* Weekend, May 1) there will be a slight increase in your training load over the next four weeks. If you took regular exercise before you started this schedule, you should continue to run three times a week, while keeping up your other activity.

THE SCHEDULE

Week one: three 20min runs
Week two: three 22min runs
Week three: three 25min runs
Week four: three 28min runs

If you were not taking regular exercise before embarking on the schedule printed last month, you can now add jogging to your programme, together with brisk walking (see below). But consult your doctor first about your suitability for running.

Alternate walking briskly with jogging slowly. The gauge of your pace is that you should be able to hold a conversation with a running partner; if you are too breathless to talk, you are running too fast. Walk mostly, but jog occasionally.

WALK/JOG SCHEDULE

Week one: three 20min brisk walking/gentle jogs
Week two: three 22min walking/gentle jogs
Week three: three 25min walking/gentle jogs
Week four: three 28min walking/gentle jogs

Whatever your level of fitness or experience, before each session you should do some of the warm-up exercises featured on this page, and demonstrated in the video *Run*. You should repeat them at the end of a session. The exercises stretch the muscles and aid the blood to flow more freely, and help prevent injuries.

● **Final tips:** drink plenty of water and fruit juices (some brands are useful for replacing minerals lost during exercise). Take tea and coffee in moderation, because they are diuretics. Do not drink or eat immediately before your training session.

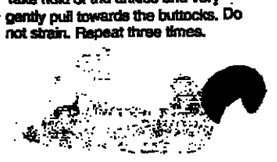
● *If you missed last month's schedule, subtract ten minutes from all above times to begin the programme.*

JOHN GOODBODY

GETTING FIT: INCORPORATE THESE EXERCISES

Many running injuries can be avoided by warming-up. With each exercise, hold each position three times for 20 to 30 seconds. Do not strain, bounce or force any movements. You should feel some tension but no pain. You will find that, with time, your flexibility will improve. The more intensive the running effort, the more important it is to do the exercise. Be careful not to push yourself.

1. For the quadriceps muscles on the front of the thigh. Lie face down. Take hold of the ankles and very gently pull towards the buttocks. Do not strain. Repeat three times.



2. For the quadriceps muscles on the front of the thigh. Stand. Take hold of one ankle behind you and gently pull the ankle towards the buttocks. Keep the knees close together. If you have trouble retaining your balance, either rest against a tree or wall or get someone to steady you. Do the exercise on both legs.

3. For the hamstrings at the back of the knees. This action is similar to that of an athlete clearing a hurdle. Sit, with one leg bent to the side and behind you. Keep the other leg straight out in front of you, the foot pointing upwards. Gradually lower the upper body over the outstretched limb as far as you can go without forcing. Repeat on the other side.

Join the 1994 NutraSweet Marathon



☐ In the coming year, two teams of readers (20 runners) are guaranteed places in the *Times* 1994 NutraSweet London Marathon. They will be trained from scratch by Mel Batty, a leading coach (above), and Chris Brasher, founder of the event. Write in and you could join them. Closing date is June 21. The successful candidates will be announced in the *The Times* Weekend on Aug 7.

☐ Send entries on a postcard to: Marathon Training, Weekend, *The Times*, 1 Pennington St, London E1 9XN, giving your name, address, telephone number, age and rough details of your health and fitness. The judges' decisioin is final.

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Diary of a rookie distance runner

Christine Wheeler responds to the challenge and goes into training

Saturday, May 1, 3pm: Read Mel Batty's training schedule for totally unfit people. Think, "Even I could do that", but stay on sofa and sensibly decide to weigh up the pros and cons. The cons: fortysomething; smoker; absolutely no history of athletic achievement; never been seen to run in public; possibly collapsible knees (but as they have led a completely stress free life, difficult to tell). Pros: live 100yd from large park; probably healthy; summer is coming.



CHRISTINE WHEELER

Mel Batty's first programme for the first month's training looks positively inviting, with lots of room for manoeuvre (although a niggling suspicion remains that he is, as yet, and certainly wisely, not telling us everything). Like many of you, nag myself to get in shape, but until now haven't had professional advice.

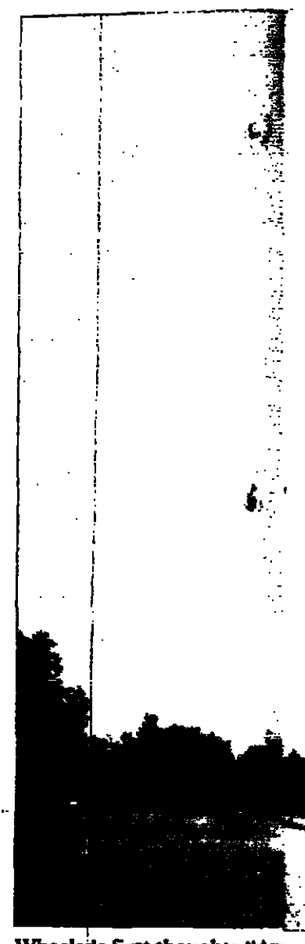
Saturday, May 1, 3.30pm: First ten-minute brisk walk. Worryingly find ten minutes a long time. Perhaps overdo the "brisk": legs sore. Convince myself I haven't got shin splints. Buy my first piece of sporting equipment — a large packet of Elastoplast for blistered heels from totally unsuitable shoes. Pretty stupid, but proof of my completely amateur status.

Sunday, May 2: Mention the above to the deputy editor, who is no mean distance runner. He laughs, but sees editorial, if not athletic, potential. Why don't I keep a training diary to encourage readers, as I am definitely the person least likely to run for a bus, let alone a marathon medal.

Tuesday, May 3: Armed with Mel Batty's advice, "your shoes are your greatest friend", penetrate the secrets of the sports shop. If your body is not yet a temple, the high-tech of a sports shop will certainly do for now. The one I visited was a cross between fantasy island and an orthopaedic outpatients department. The atmosphere was hushed. The walls were completely covered in shoes. Where to start? The shop assistants looked like a British relay team. Negotiations were conducted in whispered tones and with extreme seriousness. Did I want shoes for running fast, running slow, turning quickly, for aerobics, for basketball, for tennis? Did I want the shoes with bondage bits round the ankle?

Followed the Batty instructions, and headed for the correct section of wall. Why are all the women's shoes white? The men can have macho black, bottle-green, grey. But I was offered only basic white — with perhaps a hint of navy. Why can't I have all pink, or yellow. Too frivolous? Would it frighten the horses?

After much pummelling with the thumb and self-conscious jogging on the spot, walk (briskly) away with my first air-cushioned trainers.



Wheeler's first thoughts: "An

Feel rather fraudulent wearing them as my athletic achievements thus far barely warrant my old tennis shoes, and I think I look like a cross between a co-respondent and Minnie Mouse.

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Friday, May 7 (am): Rummage

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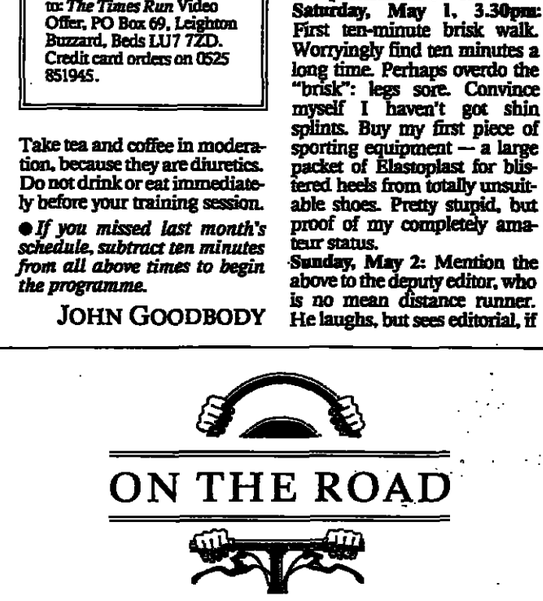
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ON THE ROAD

Rolling about the Riviera

The Rolls-Royce convertible has kept its charisma, as Alice Thomson discovers

A Rolls in the desert is above rubies, Lawrence of Arabia once said, after he had destroyed two Turkish command posts, blown up two bridges, routed a regiment of Arab tribesmen and destroyed a section of railway in one day with a fleet of three Rolls-Royces. The last Duke of Westminster drove into action against a platoon of German cavalry in a 1914 Roller. Lady Docker had her gold-plated Rolls-Royce fitted with zebra-skinned seats, and a Rolls-Royce was the one thing that Tzar Nicholas II and Leonid Brezhnev had in common.



Now sales of Rollers, which connoisseurs insist on calling Royces because Royce was the engineer of the duo, have halved in the past two years. The Queen may still have five Phantoms parked in the mews, but the Princess of Wales, John Major and the editor of *The Times* do not have Rollers, and there are only seven left parked outside our embassies.

It is not just the recession: Rollers, like mink coats, now seem slightly tacky in Britain and people no longer wish to revel in the armchair ostentation, even if they can afford it. The present Duke of Wellington drives a Range Rover when he visits the Territorial Army and Lawrence of Arabia would be more likely to opt for a four-wheel-drive. Rolls are just as likely to be hired out for the evening by escort agencies and one young American lawyer has a Rolls-Royce with the numberplate I SUE 4U.

The only other time I have been in a Rolls-Royce was as an 18-year-old, when the chauffeur of the British ambassador at the UN dropped me off at the bus station with my rucksack in New York and I was mugged before I had time to board the Greyhound bus. This time I was test-driving a £167,000 Corniche in the south of France to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the first Rolls-Royce convertible.

When he picked me up from Nice airport, Chris the PR man assured me that he had never been stared at. "It's not the car that offends people. It's snotty drivers. Courteous drivers receive only courtesy in return," he said, beaming at some pedestrians, oblivious of the fact that they were glaring at the gleaming paintwork.

What did it feel like to drive? Like cruising an ocean liner on a swimming pool. A Rolls-Royce is so smooth that it dares you to feel sick, but you would never think of throwing up over the seats. The upholstery is cream and made from the hide of 11 Danish cattle — selected because the absence of barbed wire in Denmark means the skins are less likely to be damaged. It corners superbly on the Monaco roads and, like Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, it feels like an old friend within an hour.

There is something about a Rolls-Royce that makes you want to wave regally, especially when the one tape the company provides is Elgar's *Pomp and Circumstance*. Everybody stared. The street cleaners waved to us as we cruised down the Promenade des Anglais at six in the morning. The ladies at Villefranche came out in their quilted housecoats and curlers and moustachioed men in tight cycling shorts nearly crashed their bicycles into the side as they stared.



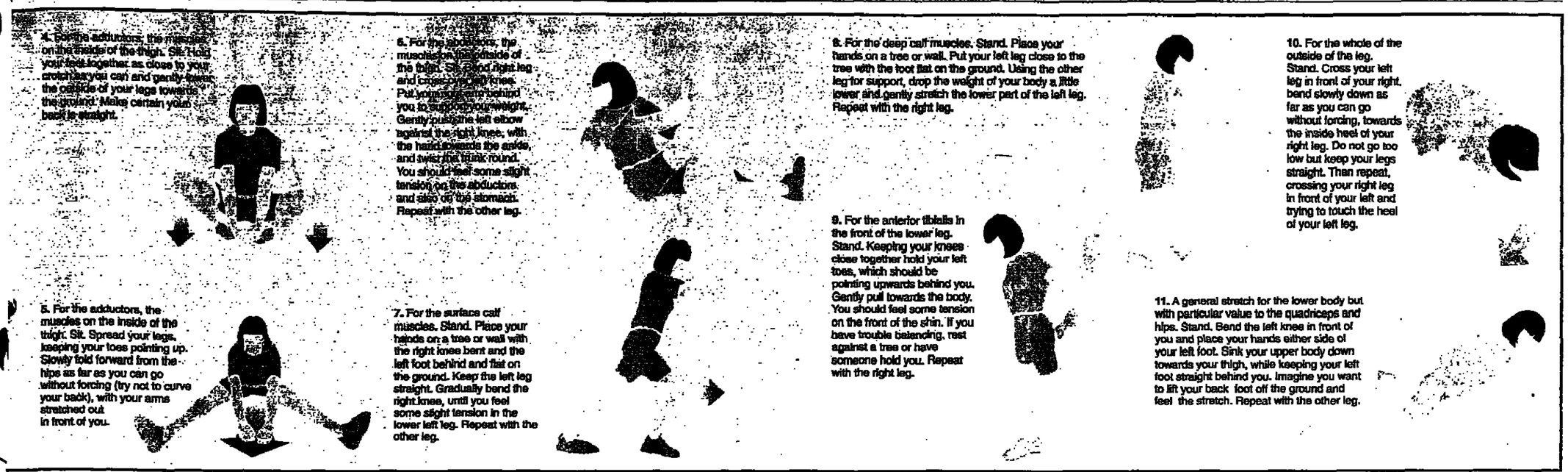
I drove the Rolls-Royce to the Carlton Hotel in Cannes. It was film festival week. Rosanna Arquette was draped across the terrace in pastel pink, Prince Albert of Monaco was giving lunch to Kylie Minogue and Catherine Deneuve was just arriving. Liveried attendants rushed out to greet me. The paparazzi

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back of cupboard and re- ve ancient tennis shoes. mplete third walk. Easy. sist urge to break into re- ained jog. Discipline is the itchword of all athletes.

esday, May 11: Visit GP to eck knees and other vital gans. Casually mention I'm nking of running a mara- n. Time stands still: GP zes, except for involuntary ovement of his left arm wards textbook giving the exact wording of the Mental Health Act. Explain. GP returns to normal. OK, I admit I was a bit dramatic. He is enthusiastic. Any form of exercise for me would be a bonus (thanks, Doc!)

Friday, May 14: Complete second week. No problems. Discover a whole fitness subculture in the park (more of that next month).

Third and fourth week: Well, it all seems to be going very smoothly so far. One month into the programme and I'm still keen. Moved seemlessly forward from ten to 20 minutes and as far as I can tell nothing has cracked, crumbled, twinged, pulled or completely collapsed.

A lesson learnt: don't put off a session thinking you've got tons of time to complete the week's programme — because the next day it will start to rain, hard, and continue for days, and you will either panic because your schedule is shot, or you will get very wet. You will study the weather like anxious umpires at Lords, searching for that blue patch of sky no bigger than Liz McColgan's shorts. You will get comments such as, "I hope you are not getting obsessed about all this" — and you won't mention you've bought a Sony Walkman and a bottle of multivitamins.

Training should be monitored to asses the effect on the heart

Finger on the pulse



Stress factor: the heat rate is a good monitor of fitness

Few people know that the ability to squeeze a tennis ball is a better guide to fitness than the ability to hit one. The strength of your grip appears to express your capacity for endurance sports. Couch potatoes tend to be limp-wristed; when greeting an Olympic athlete be prepared for a bone-crushing handshake.

The measurement of grip strength is one of a battery of tests that members of the *Times* NutraSweet London Marathon team will be put through at BUPA's fitness assessment centre. All candidates for the team will be given an initial screen by BUPA to check for any detectable medical condition that might preclude them from distance running. Once training starts in earnest, they will be tested every few months to monitor the improvement in their level of fitness.

For those who can run a mile in ten minutes — a reasonable starting point for anyone who wants to train for a marathon — the early improvement should be quite dramatic, according to Dr Alec Grieve, clinical director of BUPA's London centre. "They should advance to eight minutes a mile quite easily. They will be running faster, and their ability to sustain their running will also improve."

Those who are fitter when they start will naturally see a smaller improvement. A good measure of fitness is the speed at which the pulse rate returns to normal after exercise. In a very fit person this will occur within one minute. "A man of 40 who can run seven-minute miles for several miles and whose pulse afterwards returns to normal in three minutes is at the upper limit of average fitness and bordering on excellent," says Dr Grieve.

Tests on the treadmill and exercise bike will measure pulse rate, from which oxygen consumption can be calculated by relating the rate and degree of exertion to the individual's age, sex and weight. A slower pulse indicates that the heart is pumping more efficiently and the lungs are better at transferring oxygen into the blood. Most of those in training should see a 10 per cent fall in their resting pulse rate.

People whose usual pulse when resting is less than 70 beats per minute have a lower risk of heart attack, while those whose rate is 80 or 90 have a higher risk," says Dr Grieve.

Even those whose time per mile does not improve should find their pulse rate grows slower, showing that they are achieving the same output for less exertion. In a marathon, runners use about three quarters of their peak sprint capacity, which must be sustained over the 26 miles.

But there is more to running than fitness, says Dr Grieve. It also takes practice. "You do need to acquire a rhythm linking arm action, leg action and breathing. When the rhythm comes together, efficiency is enormously improved."

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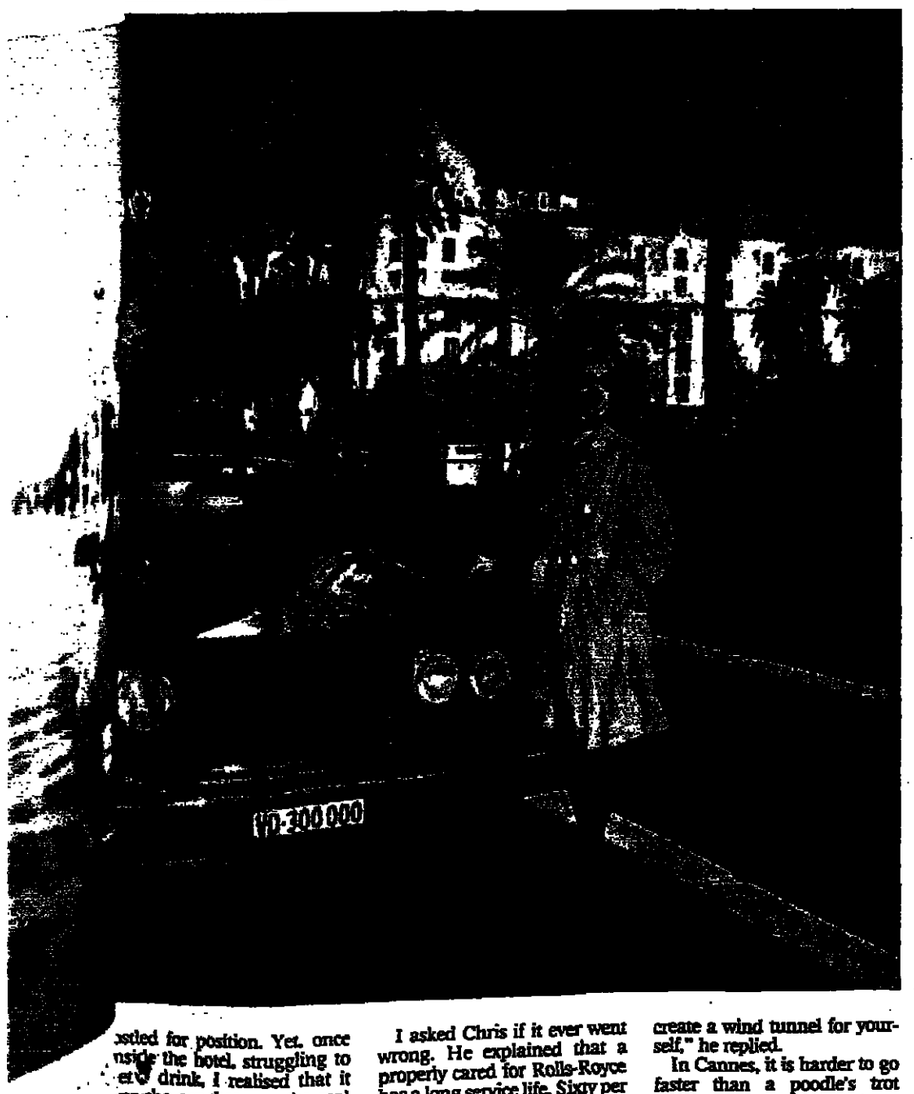
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Lounging in luxury: the upholstery of this Rolls-Royce Corniche is made from the hides of 11 Danish cattle — the absence of barbed wire in Denmark means they are less likely to be damaged

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Alice Thomson wears green raincoat, £1,355; scarf, £135; white gloves, £150; all from Hermès, 179 Sloane Street, London SW1 (071-823 1014). Sunglasses from a selection at Cutler and Gross at 16 Knightsbridge Green, London SW1 (071-581 2250).

ostled for position. Yet, once nside the hotel, struggling to er a drink, I realised that it vas the car that was the real tar. French families returning rom a day at the beach loved t. In Kensington, they may urposefully look elsewhere. ut the French lift up their hildren so they can look at the ashboard.

I asked Chris if it ever went wrong. He explained that a properly cared for Rolls-Royce has a long service life. Sixty per cent of the 116,000 built since 1904 are still driven. However, when I asked to put the hood up he went pale. The hood, he said was not necessary. But what happened if it rained? "If you drive fast enough, you will create a wind tunnel for yourself," he replied.

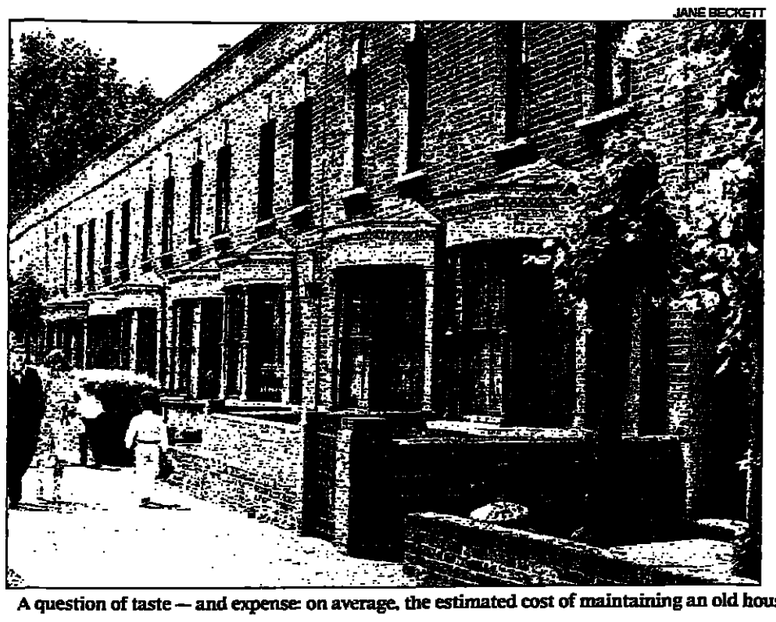
In Cannes, it is harder to go faster than a poodle's trot down the crowded Croisette. I began to worry that Chris might be hoarding a hotel towelling dressing gown, last night's whisky, or the last person to scrape the bonnet, inside the hood. Eventually he confessed. A German film crew had sat on it.

So we drove to Monte Carlo, home to Luciano Pavarotti, Boris Becker and Karl Lagerfeld, with the hood down. Monte Carlo is the Switzerland of the Côte d'Azur, the place where Ringo Starr's manager became so weary of being stopped by the white-gloved police because of his unconventional dress that he took to hanging his resident's card around his neck.

It was the day of the Monaco Grand Prix and the Rolls-Royce was in her element. As the cars limbered up for the race in a nearby street, I felt secure in the knowledge that if one came round the corner too fast, it would be worse off than I was.

"What do you do with a place that is so beautiful? Destroy it," Claus Von Bulow said of the South of France, and it is the same with the Rolls-Royce. Like the Côte d'Azur it has become an icon of all that was beautiful and glamorous, and in doing so it, too, has become older, pushier and of increasingly easy virtue. Yet, just occasionally, high above the aquamarine coastline, driving a Corniche down the Grand Corniche with headscarf fluttering in the wind, you feel that you, too, are just a kiss away from a palace.

JANE BECKETT





A question of taste — and expense: on average, the estimated cost of maintaining an old house is about £1,000 a year, compared with a few hundred pounds needed for a modern house

Is it worth buying old?

Rachel Kelly compares the annual running costs of old and new houses

Why the British prefer old houses is a mystery. That they do is obvious: few house-builders worth their bricks and mortar would dream of designing a new home which did not borrow from the past, witness the plethora of Tudorbethan and mock-Georgian on our new housing estates.

While the French, avoiding run-down *gites* and *manoirs*, buy smart modern apartments, the British rush in to renovate, and the more run-down the house the better.

Financial logic counsels against buying an old house, because it costs more to run, and a survey by *The Times* shows how much more: about £800 a year on maintenance, plus higher heating bills.

Malcolm Hollis, professor of building at Reading University, has worked out this figure by comparing the running costs of a late-Victorian/early-Edwardian two-storey, mid-terraced three-bedroom house with a comparable house built in the past two years.

The agent Savills has also done its sums and calculates that homeowners should allow about 3 per cent of the capital value of their old house per annum for upkeep, a roughly comparable figure.

Comparisons are difficult, Professor Hollis and Savills say, as maintenance costs must be averaged out on an annual basis. The reality is that one year you might have to shell out £4,000 on an old house, and the next year £400. But, on average, the cost of running an old house would be about £1,000 a year, compared with the few hundred pounds for a modern house.

The comparison, Professor Hollis says, changes over time. While you can write off the maintenance cost of a new house for the first decade of its life because of a new-homes warranty scheme run by the National House Building Council, after ten years the maintenance costs of new houses begin to mount.

ESTIMATED RUNNING COSTS

Details of property	OLD	Details of property	NEW
Mid terrace Victorian/Edwardian		Mid terrace post 1990	
Mostly single glazing		Double glazing	
Stone wall		Filled cavity wall	
2 storeys		2 storeys	
89 sq.m flr area		89 sq.m flr area	
	£/yr		£/yr
Space heating	301	Space heating	104
Water heating	195	Water heating	69
Cooking	28	Cooking	36
Lights and Appliances	267	Lights and Appliances	144
Standing charges	80	Standing charges	86
TOTAL	871	TOTAL	439

Running costs are calculated from information given by the occupier, builder or others at the time of the survey. Provided this information has been correctly specified then running costs will be accurate to within 10%. Figures were obtained from The National Energy Foundation

New houses are built of materials that, inevitably, have a shelf-life, Professor Hollis says. "The first things to show problems are the smaller bits of timber. Then you start having faults with the electrical installation, which can happen within the first ten years; you normally need to have the house rewired after 12 years. The gas boiler starts to go. There are problems with the bay-window roofs, and main rooftiles. Drains get damaged or blocked."

Despite such problems, it would take 60 years, on average, before the running costs of a new house started to catch up with an old one. After 15-20 years, an old house would still cost about three times more than a new one to run.

Old houses, Professor Hollis says, are also more vulnerable to cracks — particularly in clay areas — partly because their foundations tend to be shallower. Modern houses are more likely to be designed for the ground they are built on.

The windows of old houses deteriorate because the timber used as lintels may shrink as it dries out, or rot if water penetrates. It would cost about £4,000 to replace all the windows of the average-sized old house.

The walls of many old houses are solid, and soak up moisture like blotting paper, which in turn means the timber can decay. New houses are built with cavity walls, with two thicknesses of brick and air in between which allows the walls to dry out.

Guttering and external drain-pipes need to be replaced on an old house, and at high cost if cast-iron is to be used. Flashings between the roof and the walls often need to be replaced, too, whereas modern roofs are designed not to need them. Internally, plaster-work on the older lath ceilings will fail every time you redecorate.

Such upkeep costs do not include the energy bills. Once again, new puts old to shame. The National Energy Foundation (NEF) has compared the heating, cooking and lighting costs of the same two houses. While the old house costs £871 a year to run, the new house costs £439. Typically, the energy bills of new homes are 30 per cent less.

The old house suffers from poor insulation, an open fireplace that lets heat escape, and an out-of-date boiler. Much of the money being spent to heat the house is wasted, says Megan Flack, of the NEF.

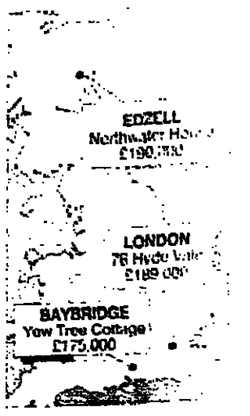
The new house has an efficient boiler, and the heating can be controlled by thermostat and programmer. The lack of open fireplaces saves heat, and the house has cavity-wall insulation and draught-proofed windows and doors. The roof has an extra 50mm of insulation.

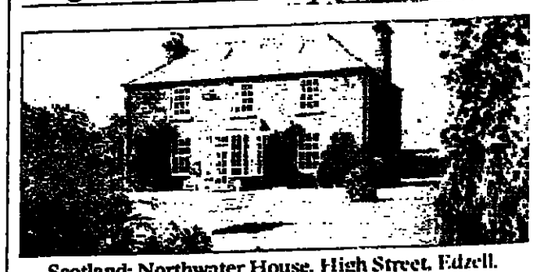
So why do we buy old?

"I think it's because old houses are nicer," Professor Hollis says. "They have better shaped-rooms and more character, and people are prepared to pay for this."

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Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353).

BEING AT HOME WITH CLAUDE (18): Shallow film based on René-Daniel Dubois's play about a rent boy's confession of murder. Jean Baudin directs Roy Dubois, Jacques Godin.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148).

UN COEUR EN HIVER (12): Love, sly games and damaged friendships between two instrument makers and a young violinist. Wonderfully observant, delicate drama from Claude Sautet. With Daniel Auteuil, Emmanuelle Béart, André Dussollier.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Renoir** (071-837 8402).

COP AND A HALF (PG): Pipsqueak kid joins Florida detective Burt Reynolds on a case. Inane action comedy, directed by Henry Winkler.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** 🅂 (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332).



On the rampage: Michael Douglas in Falling Down

FALLING DOWN (18): White-collar American (Michael Douglas) goes on the rampage. Controversial drama that irritates society's sores to no good purpose. Robert Duvall, Barbara Hershey, Joel Schumacher.
Barbican 🅂 (071-638 8891) **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** 🅂 (071-370 2636) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **MGM Trocadero** 🅂 (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** 🅂 (071-727 6705) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332).

FRAUDS (15): Insurance man Phil Collins plays devilish games with a suburban couple. Wearisome, over-designed Australian fantasy; a first film by Stephan Elliott.
MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574).

GROUNDHOG DAY (PG): Harold Ramis's marvellously fresh, humane comedy about a weatherman (Bill Murray) who always wakes up to the same day.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332).

INDECENT PROPOSAL (15): Sex, greed and Robert Redford: a potent mixture, though Adrian Lyne's film gets silly. With Demi Moore.
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JACK THE BEAR (12): Danny DeVito has single-parent problems. Overloaded comedy-drama with agreeable child performers. Marshall Herskovitz directs.
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JAMON, JAMON (18): Juvenile sexual frolic from Catalan director Bigas Luna.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Metro** (071-437 0757) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Plaza** 🅂 (071-437 1234/497 9999) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

MAP OF THE HUMAN HEART (15): A love triangle jumps across years, continents and cultures. Visually bracing but muddled drama from cinematic explorer Vincent Ward. With Jason Scott Lee, Patrick Bergin, Anne Parillaud.
Lumière (071-836 0691).

SILVERLAKE LIFE — THE VIEW FROM HERE: Harrowing personal record of a gay couple stricken with Aids. Directors, Tom Joslin, Peter Friedman
ICA 🅂 (071-930 3647).

THE STORY OF QIU JU (12): Chinese stylist Zhang Yimou changes tack with a wonderful, simple film about a peasant (Gong Li) seeking justice.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

THREE NINJA KIDS (PG): Youngsters fend off attack from an arms dealer's stooges. Overly boisterous blend of *Home Alone* and *The Karate Kid*. Director, Jon Turteltaub.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** 🅂 (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** 🅂 (0426 915683) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332).

VACAS: Julio Medem's striking, mysterious Basque saga is strong on jagged images but weak on narrative momentum.
ICA 🅂 (071-930 3647).

WIDE SARGASSO SEA (18): Sex and voodoo in the 19th century Caribbean. Overstuffed exotic romp from Jean Rhys's novel; John Duigan directs Karina Lombard and Nathaniel Parker.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279).

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ALI: One-man *tour de force* by Geoffrey C. Ewing on the bold and brave life of Mohammed Ali. The fight sequences are staged by Ali's old sparring partner Ron Lipton.
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AND ALL BECAUSE THE LADY LOVES: Victoria Worsley, directing her company of three actresses, looks at what manufactured romance has done to our lives. Striking film noir effects.
The Cockpit, Gateforth Street, NW8 (071-402 5081). Previews from Tues, 8pm, opens Wed, 7pm, then Mon-Sat, 8pm.

CITY OF ANGELS: Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in L.A. and the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

CRAZY FOR YOU: Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 🅂

CYRANO DE BERGERAC: Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the poignancy of his fate. Final week.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800), Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats, Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

THE GIFT OF THE GORGON: Blazing performance by Judi Dench in combat with Michael Pennington in Peter Shaffer's RSC success tackling the themes of justice and terrible revenge.
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THE INVISIBLE MAN: A rather plodding adaptation becomes breathtaking when the magic tricks take over the action.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm.

JUNO AND THE PAYCOCK: Sound and steady production from the Gate Theatre, Dublin. Anita Reeves is an admirable Juno.
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LEONARDO: A new musical about that painting with Paul Collis and Jane Arden playing Leonardo and "Lisa".
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Tues, 3pm and Sat, 4.30pm.

LYSISTRATA: Geraldine James inspires the woman of Athens to deny their men the joys of sex. Peter Hall directs, Ranjit Bolt translates.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Previews from Wed, 8pm (with mat Thurs, 3pm); opens June 15, 8pm; then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 🅂

THE SHOWMAN: Alan Bates is clever and funny as Thomas Bernhard's self-obsessed actor but the play does not amount to much.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Fri, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 🅂

SWEENEY TODD: Sondheim's musical tribute to a victim of society who became the first slasher hero. Alun Armstrong and Julia McKenzie head a fine cast in Declan Donnellan's production.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, Mon, Tues, 7.30pm, mats today, Tues, 2pm. 🅂

TRANSLATIONS: Sam Mendes directs Brian Friel's play about a British army unit arriving in Donegal in 1833 to make the first Ordnance Survey Map of Ireland, complete with English translations of Gaelic place names.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Opens Wed, 7pm, then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. Until July 24. 🅂

REGIONAL

BIRMINGHAM: Michael Bourdeaux's intriguing new play *Syme* about a police inspector, dismissed in 1910, who battled for years to obtain redress.
Birmingham Rep Studio, Centenary Square (021-236 4455). Previews tonight, Mon, 7.45pm; opens Tues, 7.45pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat June 19, 3.15pm. 🅂

LEEDS: In Shaw's *Arms and the Man* the chocolate soldier survives a Balkan war by taking shelter in a girl's bedroom. If only real life were that simple.
Courtyard, West Yorkshire Playhouse, Quarry Mount (0532 442111). Previews tonight, Mon, 7.45pm, opens Tues, 7.45pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats June 12 and 19, 4pm. 🅂

MANCHESTER: The world premiere of *The Carver Chair* by Tyrone Huggins: three stylistically different acts, with the chair featuring in each, trace a family's history from St Kitts in the 1930s to Britain today.
Contact, Oxford Road (061-274 4400). Preview Wed, 8pm; opens Thurs, 8pm; then Mon-Sat, 8pm. 🅂

SHEFFIELD: Where better to stage *The Crucible* than here? John McArdle and Deborah Findlay star; Robert Delamere directs.
Crucible, Norfolk Street (0742 769922). Preview Thurs, 7.30pm; opens Fri, 7.30pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats June 16 and 23, 2.30pm, and July 3, 2.30pm. 🅂

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: Jane Lapotaire, Simon Russell Beale and John Carlisle in Katie Mitchell's production of *Ghosts*.
The Other Place (0789 295623). Previewing eves, 7.30pm: opens Thurs, 7pm; then on nights when *King Lear* is not playing at the main house (because Beale plays Edgar). 🅂

DANCE

JOB: Ninette de Valois created this work for her fledgling ballet company in 1931, basing it on the 21 engravings of Blake's *Vision of the Book of Job* and using a commissioned score by Vaughan Williams. *Job* was last performed in 1970; here revived to celebrate de Valois's 95th birthday.
Hippodrome, Hurst Street, Birmingham (021-622 7486), Fri, 7.30pm, next Sat, 2.30, 7.30pm.

STUTTGART BALLET: The German company makes its first visit to Britain in over a decade but unfortunately is bringing works already well-known in this country. A MacMillan double-bill includes *Song of the Earth*, set to Mahler, and *Requiem*, set to Fauré.
Hippodrome, Hurst Street, Birmingham (021-622 7486), Tues, Wed, 7.30pm.

ROYAL BALLET: The company ends its 1992-93 season with the final performances of a triple bill that includes Glen Tetley's *La Ronde*, a 50-minute one-acter, based on Schnitzler's play about sexual intrigues in turn-of-the-century Vienna. On the same bill are Balanchine's *Prodigal Son* and de Valois's *Checkmate*.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066), today, 2.30pm, 7.30pm, Wed, Thurs, 7.30pm.

EVENINGS OUT

SIR FRANCIS McWILLIAM THE LORD MAYOR OF LONDON



"I've been to a number of performances at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama which is run by the City of London Corporation. As the school specialises in both acting and music you get some really tremendous productions there. I'm much looking forward to *Die Fledermaus* [at the Guildhall School Theatre, Silk Street, EC2, today, Mon and Wed at 7pm; tickets available from the Barbican box office 071-638 8891]. In the theatre I tend to like lighthearted stuff and on the recommendation of a friend I'm hoping to catch *Cyrano de Bergerac* with Robert Lindsay [Haymarket Theatre Royal until next Sat]. I did once see a film of it but I'm afraid that was long before the days of Gérard Depardieu... I'm also looking forward to going out to dinner at the Singapore Garden, a Malaysian curry house in St John's Wood. I spent 23 years in Malaysia as a civil engineer so I'm used to spicy food. I like the sound of the evening concert with fireworks on the Lakeside Terrace at the Barbican on June 26 [to celebrate the launch of this year's National Music Day, the LSO Brass Ensemble will play Handel's *Firework Music* at 10.30pm]. Being Scottish of course I can't resist anything that's free..."

Picture shows the Lord Mayor with his grandson, Christopher.



Victoria Worsley: writer/director of And All Because the Lady Loves... (see Theatre)

MUSIC

CLASSICAL

LONDON SINFONIETTA: Billed as "Górecki — The Concerts (Hear the best selling album live in concert)" this is a bold (brazen?) attempt to cash in on the surprise chart success of the Polish composer's Third Symphony. As on "the album", Dawn Upshaw is the vocal soloist in the symphony; the other items on the all-Górecki programme — the slow, ritualistic *Three Pieces in Old Style* and the fast, flamboyant Harpsichord Concerto — show different aspects of the composer's ability to make the most of minimal compositional material. Paul Daniel conducts.
Barbican, Silk Street, London, EC2 (071-638 8891), Mon, Tues, 7pm. 🅂

LUFTHANSA FESTIVAL OF BAROQUE MUSIC: This year's festival, the ninth, is as scholarly and wide-ranging as ever. Programming moves energetically back and forth through the 17th and 18th centuries. Tonight (Wigmore Hall, 7.30pm 🅂) Malcolm Bilson gives a fortepiano recital of sonatas by Haydn and the young Beethoven, while on Friday (St James's Church, Piccadilly, 7.30pm) Monica Huggett directs the Ensemble Sonnerie in a concert of virtuoso instrumental sonatas by Monteverdi's rarely-heard contemporary, Giovanni Battista Fontana.
Box office and information 071-434 4003.

OPERA

INQUEST OF LOVE: Jonathan Harvey's new commission for ENO draws on the writings of people who have had "near-death" experiences, as well as on Buddhist influences, to tell the story of three souls in search of lasting peace. The score combines electronics ("the fact that no visible person makes the sound, adds to its mystery", says Harvey) with conventional instrumental and vocal sounds. For those anxious to get into the right frame of mind for the opera, an hour of breath meditations is on offer at the Coliseum before the performance. David Pountney produces (and mixes the synthesised sound); Mark Elder conducts.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London, WC2 (071-836 3161), tonight, Tues, Fri, 7.30pm. 🅂

OWEN WINGRAVE: The 46th Aldeburgh Festival gets underway with a concert performance of Britten's most rarely performed opera, written for television in 1970 to a Myfanwy Piper libretto based on a story by Henry James. Oliver Knussen conducts a cast that includes John Shirley-Quirk and David Wilson-Johnson. There is a second performance on June 27.
Snape Maltings Concert Hall (0728 453543), Fri, 7pm. 🅂

JAZZ

ANDY SHEPPARD'S BIG CO-MOTION: The award-winning, 34-year-old saxophonist launches his new electric ten-piece, an enlarged version of his group, In Co-Motion.
Bath, Pavilion 🅂 (0225 463362), tomorrow, 7.30pm. **London**, Ronnie Scott's, W1 (071-439 0747). Mon to next Sat, 9.30pm.

DANNY THOMPSON'S WHATEVER: Having recently completed *The Road West*, an unorthodox work celebrating the A38, the eclectic bassist and his band are performing at gigs along this very highway, from Cornwall to Nottinghamshire.
Newquay, Pentire Hotel (0637 872334), today, 7.45pm. Plymouth, Drum, Theatre Royal 🅂 (0752 267222), tomorrow, 7.15pm.

ART FARMER: The 1950s American trumpeter has gone on to build a reputation as an exquisite fluegelhorn player with a gentle touch.
Ronnie Scott's, Birmingham (021-643 4525), Wed to next Sat, 7.30pm. 🅂

ROCK

KINGMAKER: *Sleepwalking*, the second album from the opinionated Loz Hardy and his band, sees them on fine form, producing good straight-ahead pop rock.
Portsmouth, Wedgwood Rooms (0705 863911), today, 7pm. **Bristol**, Fleece and Firkin (0272 299008), Tues, 7.30pm. **Birmingham**, Digbeth Civic (021-643 7788), Wed, 7.30pm. **Reading**, University (0734 755800), Thurs, 8pm. **Norwich**, UEA (0603 505401), Fri, 7.30pm. 🅂

SCOTTISH FLEADH: A feast of celtic music includes the mighty Van Morrieon (on a UK tour to promote his patchy new album, *Too Long in Exile*), Irish singer Mary Black, former Fairground Attraction member Eddie Reader and headliners, the rousing Scottish band, Runrig. The London Fleadh is next Saturday.
People's Palace, Glasgow Green (041-227 5511), today, midday-11pm. 🅂



Celtic charm: Mary Black is at the Scottish Fleadh

THERAPY?: This hard-core Belfast band get tighter and more impressive with each new release. Catch them here for a one-off gig in an excellent line-up with Cop Shoot Cop and Asian rock-rappers Fun-Da-Mental.
Forum, London, NW5 (071-284 2200), Fri, 7pm. 🅂

MARIA MCKEE: The up-and-coming singer songwriter is on a short tour to promote her new album, *You Gotta Sin to Get Saved*.
Manchester, University 🅂 (info: 061-275 2930), today, 7.30pm. **Wolverhampton**, Wolfrun Hall (0902 312 029), tomorrow, 7.30pm. 🅂 **London**, Forum 🅂 (071-284 2200), Tues, 7.30pm. **Cambridge**, Junction 🅂 (0223 412600), Wed, 7pm.

BOOKINGS

PRESENT LAUGHTER: A new production of Coward's drama goes into the Globe Theatre following *An Ideal Husband*, which finishes its long run next Saturday. Tom Conti directs and stars as matinée idol Gary Essendine, leading a cast which includes Garlelle Drake, Judy Loe and Jenny Seagrove.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, London, W1 (071-494 5067). Previews from June 16; opens June 23, 7pm.

THE VERY BIG CARLA BLEY BAND: After concentrating on smaller outfits during the Eighties, the jazz composer and musician Carla Bley has gone back to large-scale scoring and arranging, giving plenty of opportunity for straightforward blowing. Her current outfit, The Very Big Band, includes her daughter Karen Mantler, horn virtuosos Lew Soloff and Gary Valente, and leading British saxophonist Andy Sheppard.
Manchester, RNCM 🅂 (061-273 4504), June 27. **London**, Festival Hall 🅂 (071-928 8800), June 28. **Birmingham**, Town Hall 🅂 (021-236 2392), June 29. **Edinburgh**, Queen's Hall 🅂 (031-668 2019), June 30.

LIFT 93: The year's festival of world theatre features companies from China, America, Ghana, India, Ireland, Latin America, Vietnam and Europe. It mainly takes place at the Riverside Studios, ICA, South Bank Centre, Royal Court, Tricycle and Theatre Royal Stratford East. For a free brochure telephone 071-379 8009.

LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: An opportunity for audiences to witness a remarkable combination of virtuosity when Daniel Barenboim — who rarely gives public performances at the piano — plays Bartók's Piano Concerto No 1 under the direction of maestro Pierre Boulez. Works by Schoenberg (*Five Orchestral Pieces*) and Stravinsky (*Rite of Spring*) make up the programme.
Barbican Hall, Silk Street, London, EC2 (071-628 8891), June 19 and 20. 🅂

CAMBRIDGE FOLK FESTIVAL: The festival includes appearances by Christy Moore, The Dubliners, John Mayall and The Bluesbreakers, Michelle Shocked, Loudon Wainwright III, Iris DeMent, Jerry Jeff Walker, Tom Robinson, The Roches, Jay Owens, Oyster Band, The Rockingbirds. Children's entertainment is provided by Circus Sensible. Sponsored by Abbot Ale.
Festival Box Office, PO Box 385, Cambridge (information: 0223 463348), July 30-August 1.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page *18*

XERARCH
(c) Of a plant succession, having its origin in a dry habitat, ecological, from the Greek *xēros* dry + *archē* beginning: "Later American work sought to explain the existence of beech-maple forests on old sand dunes near the southern shore of Lake Michigan as resulting from a particularly dramatic xerarch succession."

PANGERAN
(c) A Javanese prince or noble, also *pangarang*, from the Indonesian: "He came into the Council-hall where all the rajahs, pangerans, and head-men were assembled, with the queen, reclining on a high couch under a canopy."

ETAERIO
(c) An aggregate fruit, like that of the buttercup, strawberry, or raspberry, from the Greek *hetaireia* an association: "When the achaenia borne by a single flower are so numerous that they form more than a single whorl or series, they constitute collectively an etaerio."

LESPEDEZA
(a) A herb or shrub of the genus so called, belonging to the family Leguminosae, native to North America, Asia, or Australia, and bearing clusters of white, pink, or purple flowers; especially a plant of this kind used in the southern United States as a hay or fodder crop; also called *bush clover*; blunderingly (by a misreading of the surname) from the name of V. M. de Céspedes (fl. 1785), Spanish governor of East Florida: "A tall, bushy Lespedeza is a highly ornamental shrub some ten feet high, bearing large panicles of fine purple-blue flowers."

NEW VIDEOS

BLADE RUNNER — THE DIRECTOR'S CUT (Warner, 15): Rebel androids infest a dark, hellish L.A., this time without the happy ending and tacked-on commentary that damaged the original version in 1982. For better or worse, a hugely influential film. With Harrison Ford.

JFK — THE DIRECTOR'S CUT (Warner, 15): Not to be outdone, Oliver Stone has now restored 17 minutes left on the cutting-room floor. Highly contentious as a history of the JFK assassination, but riveting cinema. With Kevin Costner as crusading D.A. Jim Garrison. 1991.

KUROSAWA FILMS (Connoisseur, PG): Three varied films by the Japanese master. *Drunken Angel* (1948) uses the thriller genre to survey post-war Japan; *The Lower Depths* (1957) is a brilliantly stylised adaptation of Gorki. Best of all, the dynamic *Yojimbo* (1961) presents Toshiro Mifune, samurai sword to the fore, in the source film for *A Fistful of Dollars*.

EXHIBITIONS

LONDON

225TH SUMMER EXHIBITION: In the last couple of years, there has been a more comfortable integration of abstract with representational, the more dreadful sculpture has been replaced with livelier, if still fairly traditionalist works, and the whole enterprise seems to have taken on a new lease of life. Sponsored by Guinness.
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, W1 (071-439 7438). Daily, 10am-6pm, opens tomorrow to August 15. 🅂

PARIS POST WAR — ART AND EXISTENTIALISM 1945-55: The heady atmosphere of Paris immediately after the second world war is evoked in a show which centres on the work of Alberto Giacometti and Wols, both foreigners who became part of the Ecole de Paris. Around them were Picasso and Dubuffet, but also figures like Jean Aglion, Bram van Velde, Henri Michaux and Jean Fautrier, who after a period of eclipse are now receiving new attention (see picture, right).
Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (071-821 1313). Mon-Sat, 10am-5.50pm, Sun, 2-5.50pm, opens Wed to September 5. 🅂

EARLY CHINESE ART AND TEMPLES: This exhibition, celebrating the Eskenazi gallery's move to new premises, assembles a collection of 50 museum-quality pieces of sculpture and metalwork ranging in time from the 5th-century BC to the Song dynasty.
Eskenazi, 10 Clifford Street, W1 (071-493 5484). Mon-Fri, 9am-5.30pm, Sat, 10am-1pm, opens Tues to July 9. 🅂

BP PORTRAIT AWARD 1993: This year there were 787 entries, the largest number since the award was inaugurated in 1980.
National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place, WC2 (071-306 0055). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, midday-6pm, until September 5.

ART IN THE CITY: Not exactly an exhibition, but a sculptured trail linking 14 public sites in the City of London, beginning and ending at the Barbican Centre.
Barbican Centre, EC2 (information 071-588 9023), until July 25.

NEW BEGINNINGS: Ken Powell has amassed an unrivalled collection of British art of the immediate post-war era. His particular favourite is Prunella Clough, but he also owns a splendid representation of St Ives free form abstractionists.
Courtauld Institute Galleries (Nos 9 and 10), Somerset House, Strand, WC2 (071-873 2526). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm. Final week. 🅂

GEORGIA O'KEEFFE/JAMES TURRELL: An odd mating brings together Georgia O'Keeffe (1887-1986), leading figure of the American avant-garde, and James Turrell (born 1943), whose works use coloured light.
Hayward Gallery, South Bank, SE1 (071-921 0873). Daily, 10am-6pm (Tues, Wed to 8pm), until June 27. 🅂

TRADITION AND REVOLUTION IN FRENCH ART: This show representing the collection of the Musée des Beaux-Arts in Lille gives a very fair idea of the cross-currents in French art between 1700 and 1880.
National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, WC2 (071-839 3321). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm (Wed to 8pm), Sun, midday-6pm, until July 11. 🅂

THE SIXTIES: Neo-Art Nouveau, Op Art and Bridget Riley, Pop Art and David Hockney... It is all here, along with some neglected art of the period rediscovered such as Pauline Boty and William Green.
Barbican Art Gallery, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-588 9023). Mon, Wed-Sat, 10am-8.45pm, Tues, 10am-5.45pm, Sun, midday-6.45pm Final week. 🅂



Paris art: Hélion's Seated Nude, Nude Reclining

REGIONAL

ROYAL RESIDENCES OF THE VICTORIAN ERA: Among the royal collection of drawings and watercolours which survived the Windsor fire unscathed are these works commissioned by Queen Victoria and Prince Albert to commemorate the palaces in which they lived and the humbler residences they visited.
Whitworth Art Gallery, University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester (061-273 4865). Mon-Wed, Fri, Sat, 10am-5pm, Thurs 10am-9pm, until July 31. 🅂

RECENT BRITISH SCULPTURE: This South Bank touring show celebrates the achievements of the sculptors who came to prominence during the 1980s.
Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Belford Road, Edinburgh (031-556 8921). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2-5pm. Final week. 🅂

ROMANESQUE: The opening show of the new Henry Moore Institute is devoted to medieval stone sculptures.
Henry Moore Institute, 75 The Headrow, Leeds (0532 467467). Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm (Wed to 9pm), Sat-Sun 1-5pm, until July 19. 🅂

Film: Geoff Brown; **Theatre:** Jeremy Kingston; **Classical Music and Opera:** Gwen Hughes; **Rock and Jazz:** Stephanie Osborne; **Dance:** Debra Craine; **Exhibitions:** John Russell Taylor; **New Videos:** Geoff Brown; **Bookings:** Kari Knight

THE TIMES
Auctions Diary

EAST

AYLSHAM SALEROOMS NORFOLK - Tel: 0263 733195. Tuesday 22nd June at 1.00pm. For sale by auction, 1930's Crossley Touring Saloon, (fully restored condition).

WILLIAM H BROWN COLCHESTER 11-14 East Hill, Colchester, Essex, CO1 2QX. Tel: 0206 563070. Mon 7th June at 1:00pm. Porcelain, silver etc. Tues 8th June at 10:00am, antiques incl Campaign Bureau & Dutch Stained Longcase Clock.

SUFFOLK SALES, Church Street, Clare. 0787 277993. Antiques & Chattels. Sat 5th June 11am - viewing 9am.

THAMESSIDE GENERAL AUCTION: (3 Assured House, Chequers Lane, Dagenham, Essex, RM9 6QD. Tel: 081 592 0209) General furniture and effects. 11.00.

HOME COUNTIES

AMERSHAM AUCTION ROOMS Station Road, Amersham HP7 0AH. Tel: 0494 729292. Thursday 10th June; An eclectic array of 450 mixed lots, from a Transit Van to Jewellery. Thursday 17th June; Victorian through to modern furniture & objects of purpose. All sales start at 10.30 am. Viewing Tues: 2.30 to 4.30pm, Weds: 9.30am to 7pm. Thurs: Fr 9am.

CHANCELLORS, Loudon Road, Kingston, Surrey 081 541 4139. Thursday 10th June 11.00 am. Viewing on Wednesday 2pm-8pm, General Auction.

SOUTH BUCKS AUCTIONS, Church Rooms, Old Amersham 0494 722758. Antique & Collectors 26th June 1pm. 5% commission to sell, remin advert.

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CRITERION SALEROOMS 53 Essex Road, London N1 7 t 071 359 5707 Sale of Antiques every Monday 6.00pm. On View Friday 4pm - 8pm, Saturday 11am - 3pm, Sunday 11am - 3pm Monday From 10am.

REGENTS OF FINCHLEY - Antique Auction Sunday 6th June & Sunday 13th June at 2:30pm. Glass, furniture, porcelain, pictures, jewellery etc. 202 Regents Park Road, London N3. Tel: 081 343 1605 or 081 343 3736. Auction every Sunday at 2:30pm.

NORTH

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DEE ATKINSON & HARRISON Driffield, East Yorkshire. Tel: 0377 43151. Antique sale, Friday 18th June 1993, Georgian silver, ceramics, Georgian & later furniture. Important oil paintings, watercolours & prints. Illustrated catalogue £3.50 (incl postage).

WILKINSON & BRIGHTON Woodhouse Green, Thurcroft, Rotherham, S.Yorks S66 9AQ. Mon 14th June Tel: 0709 700005 Fax: 0709 700244. Antique & later furniture & effects. 11.00.

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WEST

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BRUTON KNOWLES, Albion Chambers, 111 Eastgate Street, Gloucester GL1 1PZ (0452 521267) Fine 17th and 18th century furniture, Staffordshire figures and other pottery, oil paintings, water colours. Venue: The Tithe Barn, Southam near Cheltenham. Sale Day: Thursday, 10th June, 10.30 a.m. Viewing: Wednesday, 9th June, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

RUSSELL, BALDWIN & BRIGHT, Ryelands Road, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 8NZ. Tel: 0568 611166. Fax: 0568 610519. Wed 9th and Thur 10th June at 10am. A selection of paintings: From Whitbourne Hall, 5 pictures. 19th C English School, View of Warwick Castle. Simon Joseph Denis, Tyrolean Landscape. Arthur Perigal, Scottish Landscape, View of Ben Lawers. Henry Dawson, A River Scene. A collection of 15 pastel drawings by Peter Augustave Rasmussen. A pair of Sesseapes by Thomas Luny. Viewing: Tues 9.30-4.30 & morning of sale.

SEMLEY AUCTIONEERS (Station Road, Semley, Shaftesbury, Dorset, SP7 9AN. Tel: 0747 55122) Saturday 5th June and 19th June. Sales fortnightly. Antiques and collectables. 11.00.

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Nicolas Soames talks to the record company executive who hopes to build on the surprise chart success of Henryk Gorecki's Third Symphony

Minimalism brings maximum rewards

Henryk Gorecki has arrived in London to supervise rehearsals of his Symphony No 3 for the two Barbican performances by the London Sinfonietta and the soprano Dawn Upshaw on Monday and Tuesday. He has been joined by Bob Hurwitz, senior vice-president and general manager of Elektra-Nonesuch, the cult American record label that has sold over 170,000 copies of the work in the UK alone. After the performances, the London Sinfonietta go into the studio to record two other Gorecki works for the company — *Good Night* and *Aria* — and Hurwitz hopes to round off the week by signing Gorecki to an exclusive contract.

If this happens, it will have been achieved in the face of intense competition, for at the moment, Gorecki is classical music's hot property. The odds on Gorecki's joining Elektra-Nonesuch are good. He can only be impressed with the worldwide sales of his third Symphony, which are now approaching 400,000; and the recording is still climbing the charts in countries as disparate as Spain, Australia and France.Furthermore, last week, Hurwitz lured Philip Glass to Elektra-Nonesuch after the composer had toyed with Sony Classical and Philips. Glass joins Steve Reich, John Adams, John Zorn and Louis Andriessen who all have long-term associations with Elektra-Nonesuch.

"The best music always has two things," declares Hurwitz. "It has a national identity and it really belongs to a time. When I listen to John Adams, I find a composer who is honest to his surroundings and to his influences — which are as much the Grateful Dead as Mozart. In the same way, there is an honesty to Gorecki's Symphony No 3 — it is music *that had to come out of the composer's environment*. Strangely, it is the American-ness of Adams and the Polishness of Gorecki that makes them so universal."

Elektra-Nonesuch first hit the headlines decades ago with Joshua Rifkin's Scott Joplin recordings. Among its other prominent successes have been its supportive association with the Kronos Quartet with whom it has produced 13 records in nine years. The Kronos Festival at the Barbican (July 21-24) will include Gorecki's quartet, *Already It is Dusk*.



The Polish composer Henryk Gorecki, classical music's hot property: worldwide sales of his Symphony No 3 are now approaching 400,000

Hurwitz is equally proud of other musical associations — the Kurt Weill recordings with Teresa Stratas and, perhaps curiously in view of the label's commitment to the 20th century, the undertaking to record all Beethoven's piano sonatas with the American pianist Richard Goode.

But the recent explosion of minimalism, which Hurwitz regards "as the most important single movement of the 20th century", has forced the label to expand its recording activity from 15-20 to 25 and rising. Steve Reich's major new work for video and music *The Cave* — which receives its London premiere in August — will be released on video and, in a slightly arranged version, on CD. And Hurwitz intends not only to record new Philip Glass works such as the new opera based on Cocteau's *Orphée* and *Hydrogen Juke Box*, but also to re-record *Satyagraha*, *Music in 12 Parts* and to release a new recording of *Einstein on the Beach*. Hurwitz has never been afraid to re-record contemporary works when he believes they can be done better.

"What we want to do with Glass, as we are doing with the music of Steve Reich and John Adams, is create a body of works that will stand for the next 50 years."

This applies equally to Gorecki. It is sometimes forgotten that the Elektra-Nonesuch recording of the Symphony No 3 was the third recording of the work. Hurwitz had heard the existing recordings but felt that with the London Sinfonietta and Dawn Upshaw, he could improve on them — not least because he felt Upshaw's purer vocal style was more appropriate than the more operatic style of her predecessors.

The recording will receive more exposure later this year with the release of Peter Weir's new film *Fearless*, which uses it as the soundtrack. It is a better use, says Hurwitz, than the painful film of concentration camps used in Tony Palmer's film for the *South Bank Show*. "As far as I am concerned, it was inappropriate," he insisted. "Gorecki's music is ultimately about redemption and I don't think the film captured that idea."

Angels set to take wing

The awards that can turn a struggling show into a Broadway hit are handed out in New York tomorrow. **Matt Wolf** on the Tonys

The London theatre may fête itself at the Olivier and *Evening Standard* awards, but for all Broadway's troubles New York's Tony Awards remain the prize worth fretting over. How can this be in a city whose annual commercial output remains a fraction of the West End's? Because, unlike the Olivier Awards, tomorrow's Tony Awards ceremony really does mean bums on seats and cash in the bank for the winners.

In addition to strengthened New York runs, winning shows are guaranteed prolonged lives on tour, on screen and, like last year's Best Musical *Crazy For You*, in London. Tonys often enable prize-winning actors to maintain a hold on their roles in the inevitable film versions — witness Mercedes Ruehl and Irene Worth in the current film of Neil Simon's *Lost in Yonkers* — and they can elevate to stardom a hard-working Broadway regular like *Guys and Dolls*'s lead, Faith Prince.

Small wonder, then, that Tony hysteria is an annual fact of New York theatre life, and that this one date increasingly controls an entire season's output. Whereas shows used to get by on reviews and word of mouth, productions nowadays stand less chance of financial recoupment without a Tony or two to nurse them along.

The Broadway listings in *The New York Times* accordingly abound with advertisements boasting nothing but awards. "More Best Musical awards than any show this decade" reads the advertisement for *The Will Rogers Follies*, a 1991 Tony winner which overcame mixed initial reviews to sustain a run largely as a result of its victories at the Tonys and at New York's other less publicised awards. "Nominated for more Tony awards than any play in Broadway history" proclaims this season's favourite for Best Play, Tony Kushner's *Angels in America: Millennium Approaches*, winner of the *Evening Standard* prize last autumn.

And well the *Angels* producers might thank their own private angels for a record nine nominations right through the direction, design and performance categories: with a $60 (£40) top ticket and three-and-a-half hour running time, the first part of Kushner's sweeping epic of Aids in the age of Reaganism is hardly a sure bet in a theatre-going climate that, as billboards around Manhattan proudly announce, tends "to see a Broadway show for the fun of it".

Fun is not exactly what Kushner has in mind, funny though his perspective on his doomed society sometimes is. Rather, Kushner intends nothing less than a dissection of a community at political and sexual odds with itself, as told to an audience willing to embrace his Caryl Churchill-style leaps into history and fantasy. It's a tall order for those theatre-goers who, on the night I attended, included one man more interested in listening to a basketball game on his radio than to Kushner's angry call to arms.



Angels in America: Tony Kushner's sweeping epic about Aids is the Tony favourite for Best Play

In context, can one blame those producers clinging to every award possible? The prospect of *Angels in America* succeeding on Broadway is as unlikely as it would be in the West End — in London, the play continues to be the exclusive province of the subsidised National Theatre — and one wants to reward the bravery of those backers who threw caution to the winds amid a public whose tastes could not be more cautious. *Angels in America: Millennium Approaches* should win the Best Play award, and Kushner will no doubt be up for the same prize next year when part two of his saga, *Perestroika*, joins the first part on Broadway in the autumn.

Its nominal star, Ron Leibman, as an even more ferocious Roy Cohn than Henry Goodman's prior one at the National, is a likely Best Actor winner, despite tough competition from two Irishmen who made much-heralded Broadway debuts this season: Liam Neeson (*Anna Christie*) and Stephen Rea (*Someone Who'll Watch Over Me*).

If *Angels in America* had not long ago been granted the status of a Broadway event this year's undoubted winner would be *The Sisters Rosensweig*, since Wendy Wasserstein's bittersweet play marks a virtual case study of the New York crowd-pleaser: smart, sassy, its Chekhovian rue tempered with more belly laughs than even Neil Simon has been able to muster of late. As it is, *Sisters* will have to settle for a prize for one of its two leading ladies, Jane Alexander and Madeline Kahn, unless they, too, lose out to colleagues from across the Atlantic — in this case Lynn Redgrave (*Shakespeare For My Father*) and her niece Natasha Richardson (*Anna Christie*).

Neil Simon's *The Goodbye Girl* is a Best Musical nominee, although it is a measure of the apathy with which Broadway regards this show that neither Simon's book nor veteran composer Marvin Hamlisch's score were nominated in their categories. Instead, the critically mocked *Bloodbrothers* aside, the musical categories are almost entirely given over to two shows each with 11 nominations: The Who's *Tommy*, a scintillating re-conception for the Broadway stage of the British rock opera; and *Kiss of the Spider Woman*, director Hal Prince's synthetic (and much-travelled) adaptation of the Manuel Puig novel about two Latin American cellmates.

Neither show, truth to tell, is the type to cheer traditional Tony voters who found exactly what they wanted last year in the Gershwin rewrite, *Crazy For You*. And neither show is a patch on *Falsettos*, William Finn's intimate and devastating pair of one-acters which should have won on merit last year.

Although several months ago *Tommy* seemed a shoo-in, the winner now looks less certain. If the collective allure of Broadway names such as Prince, Chita Rivera and composer-lyricist team John Kander and Fred Ebb carries the day, then *Spider Woman* will win. It won't hurt either that the show sanitises precisely those issues which *Angels in America* confronts head on.

If, on the other hand, Broadway embraces the first rock musical to date to deliver the full theatrical goods, then *Tommy* will win. So, too, will its terrific director Des McAnuff, who has transformed Pete Townshend's anarchic parable into a drama of familial forgiveness that hits the Clinton-era public right where it lives.

What difference can this make, one may ask, for what, after all, is only a prize? The answer will be found at the box offices of the winning productions on Monday, where happy producers can breathe a sigh of relief that their shows — like the pinball wizard Tommy himself — are a sensation.

CONCERTS

Budding talents start to flower

Philharmonia/Wolff
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THIS was an evening of party pieces. The programme was, at first glance, a ragbag of showpieces for bright young virtuosi. But for those who risked it, the evening disclosed resonances and references which made for a surprisingly coherent whole.

The occasion existed primarily to provide a platform for the young Japanese pianist Chiharu Sakai, first-prize winner of the National Power World Piano competition (among many others); and the even younger Russian trumpeter Sergei Nakayakov. Sakai chose the Ravel Concerto (for both hands). With her bright, metallic touch and strong, indefatigable passage work she brought the element of jazz to the very surface of the work, and it reflected satisfyingly off the Jolivet Trumpet Concertino which was to follow.

That is not quite enough, though, for Ravel. A year or two off the competition circuit and another spent listening may well put some musical flesh on the well-made but brittle bones of Sakai's playing.

Nakayakov, too, has perhaps been hurtling ahead a little too fast. He has packed his 16 years with emigrating from Russia to Israel, with festival appearances and recordings; and his trumpet still needs to find its voice. The training, technique and the virtuosity are there for all to hear, but colour and character as yet make only fleeting appearances.

The Philharmonia's own turn for virtuosity came in the two Bartók works which flanked the solo spots. The early *Two Pictures* and the *Concerto for Orchestra* were conducted with fine, chamber-musical perception by Hugh Wolff, a visitor from America's St Paul Chamber Orchestra.

HILARY FINCH

Credible string band

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ALTHOUGH not the most disciplined ensemble of its kind, the Franz Liszt Chamber Orchestra is certainly one of the most likable. A conductor might get its 17 strings precisely together, but he might also suppress the personality of the front-desk players who — under the general guidance of their leader, Janos Rolla — are as aware of each other as the members of any string quartet and are flexible enough to accommodate the expressive enterprise of whichever one of them is carrying the argument at the time.

Their performance of Bartók's *Divertimento* at the beginning of this concert was highly effective from that point of view. Strictly speaking, there are not enough of them for that particular score; they cannot register the full-scale acoustic contrast between solo and tutti textures. But, as they demonstrated, that is by no means the whole point: every one of the often merely fragmentary phrases which emerge on solo instruments had its own distinctive individuality.

With wind instruments behind them and a soloist in front of them in Mozart's Piano Concerto in B flat, K595, the strings might just this once have been better off with a conductor — not so much to keep in time with those other elements, as to preserve the integrity of their own line. Dezso Ranki, whose playing was a little precious but by no means self-indulgent, cannot have been difficult to accompany. But he must have been a distraction. Certainly in Mozart's Symphony No 40 in G minor after the interval the violins sustained a well-defined line and the sound of the orchestra in general was clearer as a result.

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Blazing with glory

THE timpanist burst his way through the drumskin, and Glazunov, old and bewildered, walked out after the third movement. Prokofiev's *Scythian Suite* was all a bit much in 1915. He had wanted to write a ballet on the life and rituals of the pre-Christian sun worshippers, but Diaghilev wasn't interested, so Prokofiev made do with a four-movement orchestral suite. As the Sun God is adored, Prokofiev's own rite of spring scorches through the air of the Birmingham Symphony Hall in **Simon Rattle**'s new recording with the **City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra** (EMI Classics 7 54577 2).

The excitement continues in the Sun's retreat: Rattle's orchestra, the hall's acoustic, and a superbly engineered recording make for a sense of shimmering mirage movement out of Prokofiev's high violins, whirring woodwind and pulsing bass line. The third "night" movement creates sound which seems to be a mere inhalation and exhalation of silence.

Rattle creates a wide-angle soundscape, too, in the slow movement of the Fifth Symphony which accompanies the Suite. This "hymn to the free and happy Man", as Prokofiev called the work, first performed in January 1945 on the eve of victory, was composed at the end of a summer spent with friends and colleagues including Reinhold Gliere. Prokofiev had studied with Gliere and used to walk home humming tunes from his teacher's First Symphony. **Sir Edward Downes**'s lively performance of that work with the **BBC Philharmonic** (Chandos 9160) is calculated to have the same effect.

Downes has been an energetic champion of Gliere on disc, giving real presence to a composer often uncomfortably wedged between Tchaikovsky and Prokofiev. There is, certainly, a lot of Tchaikovsky in this symphony. But Downes and his band choose to play up the composer's keen ear for orchestration, with some brightly characterised wind solos and eager string playing.

The main attraction of this disc, though, is the suite from Gliere's "true Soviet ballet", *The Red Poppy*. Written in 1927, it romps its way through the story of the Chinese lover of a Russian sailor murdered by a western capitalist rival.

Six movements is plenty, though, and one begins to long for the sobriety and ballast of — well, of Bruckner. **Herbert Blomstedt**'s new recording of the Sixth Symphony with the **San Francisco Symphony** (Decca 436 129-2) is relief indeed. The sense of journeying towards the finale's eventual possession of A major is here more meditative than physical, and played out in an acoustic which reveals the undemonstrative refinement of this orchestra's strings, and the almost Gallic character of its woodwind.

Giuseppe Sinopoli makes a real journey, too, out of Schubert's "Great" C major symphony, coupled with a brooding performance of the "Unfinished" on DG437689-2. Sinopoli's tendency to make the most of every subsidiary incident tends to impede momentum. In the "Unfinished", though, his attention to the bass rhythms, the plucking and the pulsing of the work, makes its own potent contribution to the massy, rock-like presence of this performance.

Youth gets into its stride

ONCE upon a time the great stride pianists could make a name for themselves as party "ticklers", playing for food and drink while doing their *utmost to impress the ladies*. Their most enduring recordings have the flavour of tobacco and strong liquor.

Marcus Roberts's recitals are a far more studious enterprise, probably fuelled by nothing stronger than a bottle or two of mineral water. Roberts is a rare example of a young (and more marketable) musician who is interested in delving back beyond Bud Powell. *If I Could Be With You* (Novus 01241-63149-2) is the work of a player who is growing in confidence.

Roberts is still feeling his way into the stride idiom, and if there is a certain chilliness in his approach the thoughtful programming, which ranges from a spiritual like "Just A Closer Walk With Thee" to "Maple Leaf Rag" and "Embraceable You", gives the album a distinctive sense of structure.

Roberts pays tribute to James P. Johnson on several of the pieces. The overall tempo is stately and respectful, the bass lines sometimes lacking that all-important rhythmic bounce. Then again, reproducing the verve of a Johnson is never a simple task.

Much the same is true of the **Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra** and its attempt to distill the sound of Duke Ellington and his band in full flow. Part of the Center's annual "Classical Jazz" transcription programme, *Portraits by Ellington* (Columbia 472814-2) sees the musicians — led by Wynton Marsalis — gaining an honorable draw on "The Liberian Suite" and extracts from the under-rated "New Orleans Suite".

THE SUNDAY TIMES
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BBC1

7.00 Ceefax (3295817)
7.25 News and weather (1517495)
7.30 Pinocchio. Animated adventures of the wooden boy puppet (r) (4215969) **7.50 The All New Popeye Show**. Two cartoons (r) (4295105) **8.10 The Girl From Tomorrow**. Episode seven of the 12-part science fiction drama (r). (Ceefax) (7383308) **8.35 Potsworth & Co** (r) (4073124)
9.00 Parallel 9. Includes music from Lisa Stansfield and WWF, comedy from Mickey Hutton, *Mike and Angelo* alien Tim Whitnall and Peter Simon from the BBC's *Star Pets* series (s) (44624211) **10.52 Weather** (4656969)
10.55 Grandstand. Introduced by Helen Rollason. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **11.00** (20292) and **1.40** (6927679) Cricket: live coverage of the third day's play in the first Test between England and Australia at Old Trafford; **1.00** News; **1.05** (1713969), **1.40** (6927679) and **3.00** (25329871) Tennis: the French Open women's singles final from Paris, **3.00** (25329871) Golf: the third round of the Dunhill Masters from Woburn
5.15 News with Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (4522872) **5.25 Regional News** and sport (6429414) **5.30 Cartoon**. (Ceefax) (623655)
5.40 Jim'll Fix It. Among those for whom Sir James Savile makes dreams comes true are a super slimmer from near Preston who lost 16 stones in 18 months and a teenager who wants to dance like Ginger Rogers. (Ceefax) (s) (159679)
6.15 The Main Event. Hectic home and studio quiz show hosted by Chris Tarrant. This week the Kurmoo family are supported by *'Allo, 'Allo* stars Vickie Michelle, Gorden Kaye and Kim Hartman, while the Lees rely on Madeleine Howard, Frazer Hines and Fionnuala Ellwood from *Emmerdale*. (Ceefax) (s) (523230)



Back in fashion: Lombard and Gonet (7.05pm)

7.05 The House Of Elliott. Episode one of a repeat of the second series of the stylish fashion house drama, starring Stella Gonet and Louise Lombard. (Ceefax) (s) (806495)
8.00 Open All Hours. The first episode of Roy Clarke's comedy series starring Ronnie Barker as Arkwright, the stingy corner shopkeeper, and David Jason, his much put-upon nephew and assistant. In this, Arkwright buys some fire-damaged tinned goods with their labels burnt off (r). (Ceefax) (6360)
8.30 Birds of a Feather. When they realise they need more money for Christmas the girls decide to do some extra work. Sharon decides that the people of Chigwell need her pet care services while Tracey does some typing from home. Starring Pauline Quirke and Linda Robson (r). (Ceefax) (5495)
9.00 Westbeach. Dreary drama serial about rival south coast business families. (Ceefax) (s) (416018)
9.50 News. (Ceefax) Sport and weather (230308)
10.10 That's Life! (Ceefax) (s) (221785)
10.50 Film: National Lampoon's European Vacation (1985) starring Chevy Chase and Beverly D'Angelo. Frenetic sequel to *National Lampoon's Vacation*, in which the ridiculous Griswald family are let loose on unsuspecting European citizens. Directed by Amy Heckerling (5071619)
12.20am Cricket. Highlights of the third day's play in the first Test between England and Australia at Old Trafford, introduced by Richie Benaud (s) (2530051)
1.00 Weather (7912070)

BBC2

6.40 Open University: Organic Chemistry — Environmental Solutions? (9611230) **7.05** Maths: Volumes of Revolution (5011540) **7.30** The American Political Process (1275476) **7.55** Oceanography: Waves (4216698) **8.20** Biology: Mammals in Water (7370834) **8.45** Arts: the Great Exhibition of 1851 (406050) **9.10** Motoring in the 30s: Wheels of Progress (8100501) **9.35** Organic Molecules in Action (7564327) **10.00** The University of Salamanca (7279872) **10.25** A Suitable Place to Have a Baby? (8705940) **10.50** Citizens of the World (2157853) **11.15** The Politics of Equal Opportunity (9595921) **12.05** Social Problems: Why Care? (9039105) **12.30** Managing Schools (8689211) **12.55** Modern Art: Matisse (3745969) **1.20** The Car Industry — a Level Playing Field? (35305940) **1.45** Learning for All: the Write to Choose (Ceefax) (87942501) **2.10** Brazilian Immigrants — In Search of Identity (43173501) **2.35** Environment: Bangkok — a City Speaks (2838056)
3.00 Cricket. Continued live coverage of the third day's play in the first Test between England and Australia at Old Trafford. The commentators are Richie Benaud, Ray Illingworth, Geoff Boycott and Jack Bannister (s) (56245124)
6.35 Late Again. Highlights from this week's editions of the arts and media magazine, *The Late Show* (s) (713637)
7.30 News with Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Sport and weather (830501)
7.45 Singers and Swingers (b/w). A programme from 1968 starring Cilla Black. Her guests are Cliff Richard, singing the year's Eurovision Song Contest entry, Sandie Shaw and the Ladybirds (567143)



Crime and retribution: Stephen Owen (8.10pm)

8.10 Just Deserts: Getting Even. (Ceefax) See Choice (443476)
9.00 Have I Got News For You. Last in the series of the irreverent topical news quiz hosted by Angus Deayton. Tony Slattery joins the regular team captains Ian Hislop and Paul Merton (r) (s) (3495)
9.30 The Second Heimat: A New Generation (colour and b/w). Episode eight of Edgar Reitz's 13-part epic. It is 1964 and Schnüsschen and Hermann decide to marry, although Hermann spends his time dreaming of his true love, Clarissa (s) (65853)
11.30 Film: The Blue Lamp (1950, b/w). See Choice (226691). Ends at **12.55am**

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CHOICE

Just Deserts: Getting Even
BBC2, 8.10pm

This is the first of two documentaries from the *Everyman* stable on the morality of punishment. It considers the point of view of the victims of crime. From this country it instances the case of Stephen Owen, whose 12-year-old son was killed by a drunken lorry driver. Outraged at the lenient sentence, Owen took his revenge on the man with a double-barrelled shotgun. The law took one view of Owen's action, the jury another. From California we hear how victims of violent crimes are allowed to appear in court to give evidence. Supporters of the practice say such people deserve a voice. Opponents say it puts undue emotional pressure on the jury. The film is a thoughtful contribution to a sensitive subject.



A term with Eton schoolboy Tom Bartlett (C4, 8.00pm)

Best of Cutting Edge: Eton — Class of '91
Channel 4, 8.00pm

Tonight's repeated documentary from the *Cutting Edge* series is the now celebrated inside look at Eton College. It is said to be only the second film ever made about Eton and it makes a good stab at catching the ethos of an institution that is proudly clinging to its 550-year-old past and yet trying to represent itself as in tune with the late 20th century. The tensions are expressed in telling vignettes. A state school boy enters on a music scholarship and is ribbed about his accent. Eton appoints its first Japanese master. As an impression of day-to-day activity the film is admirable. On wider questions of Eton's role and influence, it is disappointingly silent.

Four-Mations: Aspects of Comedy
Channel 4, 2.00pm

The latest Channel 4 animation season, which runs until Wednesday, is devoted to the comic styles of three masters of the craft, Bob Godfrey, Paul Driessen and Bill Plympton. It also includes a selection of Russian animations. Godfrey is the veteran British animator, whose work has been notable for its sexual content. His cartoons were the first in Britain to be given X certificates. Driessen comes from Holland and became an animator by way of television commercials. He also works extensively in Canada. Plympton is an American, self-taught, a newspaper and magazine cartoonist as well as an animator and master of a quirky, surreal style. Examples from all three men are included in this afternoon's opening programme.

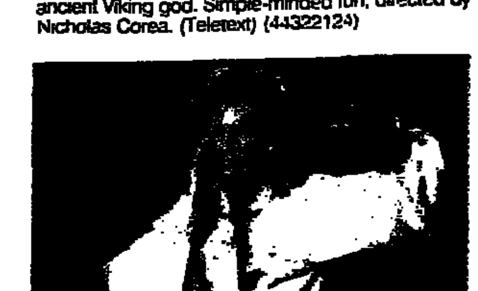
The Blue Lamp
BBC2, 11.30pm

Ealing's sturdy tribute to the Metropolitan police features Jack Warner as George Dixon, the likable neighbourhood copper who stops a bullet from a young hoodlum but will later rise from the dead to start all over again on television. The gunman, lean and leering, is played by Dirk Bogarde, one of several such roles in his early film career. Written by T.E.B. Clarke, the film reflects a contemporary alarm over juvenile crime while maintaining a traditional faith in the probity and competence of the police. The emotional tone is summed up by the much-parodied scene in which Mrs Dixon is told of her husband's death and quietly arranges a bowl of flowers. Basil Dearden directs.

Peter Waymark

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. Includes, at **7.45**, **Saturday Disney** in which the guest is Britain's first and, so far, only astronaut Helen Sharman (82181582)
9.25 Gimme 5. The guests include Felice Arena from the cast of *Neighbours* and magician Martin Duffy. With music from Tasmin Archer and the Manic Street Preachers (22762650)
11.30 The ITV Chart Show. The *Video Vault* features En Vogue performing "Hold On" (s) (59563)
12.30 Movies, Movies, Movies (80369)
1.00 News and weather (69801563) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (69800834)
1.10 Rugby Union: The Lions Tour. Highlights of the game against Otago in Dunedin and of the one earlier in the week against Canterbury (9102292)
2.30 Wanted: Dead or Alive. Vintage western adventures starring Steve McQueen as bounty hunter Josh Randall (105)
3.00 International Athletics. Live coverage of the Pearl European relays from the Mountbatten Stadium, Portsmouth (25112330)
4.45 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather (8511560)
5.00 London Today (Teletext), sport and weather (4529785)
5.10 Film: The Incredible Hulk Returns (1988) starring Bill Bixby and Lou Ferrigno. Dr David Banner's latest invention, a special ray that he hopes will prevent him turning into the Hulk, is stolen by a group of power-mad people who want to use it to defrost an ancient Viking god. Simple-minded fun, directed by Nicholas Corea. (Teletext) (44322124)



Paul Smith impersonates David Bowie (7.00pm)

7.00 Stars in Their Eyes. More look-alike show business hopefuls attempt to catch the eye of the talent scouts. Presented by Matthew Kelly. (Teletext) (s) (2308)
7.30 The Brian Conley Show. Off-beat humour from the comedian assisted by his guests Fern Britton and John Sachs (s) (698)
8.00 The Bill: A Willing Victim. A local conman leaves a trail of victims. Is PC Garfield numbered among them? (Teletext) (1056)
8.30 London's Burning. Drama series about the Blue Watch of a London fire brigade station (r). (Teletext) (56501)
9.30 Film: Money, Power, Murder (1989) starring Kevin Dobson and Blythe Danner. Hackneyed murder thriller set in American television. A reporter, investigating the disappearance of a newscaster, discovers secrets in her past concerning big names in the broadcasting world. Then these big names start to die. Directed by Lee Philips. (Teletext) (254921)
11.15 News with Nichoals Owen. Weather (330940)
11.35 The Good Sex Guide. Margi Clarke's lighthearted approach to the pleasures of the flesh. With guests Marie Helvin, Tony Robinson, Stephanie Cole and William Gaunt (r). (Teletext) (823360)
12.05am The 291 Club. Variety from the Hackney Empire, London (s) (7928803)
1.05 The Big E. Magazine for young Europeans (s) (2937273)
2.05 Basketball. Action from America (2493419)
3.05 The New Music. With Garth Brooks and Billy Ocean (6428896)
4.30 BPM. Dance music (s) (84438)
5.30 ITN Morning News with John Draper (62235). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz. Animated [illegible] (1685292) **6.25 Spiff and Hercules**. [illegible] adventures of a feuding cat and dog (49776[illegible]) **6.40 Alfred J. Kwak**. The story of a [illegible] (9613698) **7.05 The Legend Of White Fang**. Animated adventures based on Jack London's classic tale (6480143) **7.35 King Arthur and the Knights of Justice**. Round Table [illegible] (1292143) **8.00 Betty's Bunch**. Episode [illegible] the 13-part foster children drama from New Zealand (43360)
8.30 World Tennis (82259) **9.00 News** (7607124) **9.15 Channel 4 Racing: The Morning Line**. A [illegible] the Derby week's racing and a look forward to this afternoon's Oaks (1341853) **10.00 Trans World Sport** (68360)
11.00 Gazzetta Football Italia. A preview of [illegible] Italian club fixtures (86124)
12.00 Sign On. The magazine series for the hearing impaired continues with a look at media coverage of black issues (53747)
12.30 Kasak. Episode six of the 20-part drama from Pakistan. In Urdu with English subtitles ([illegible])
1.00 Storm Over the Okavango. A [illegible] documentary about the threatened wildlife of the Okavango river delta in northwest Botswana (Teletext) (46394)
2.00 Four-Mations: Aspects of Comedy. See Choice (9834)
2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Epsom. Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the 2.45, 3.15, 3.45 (Energizer Oaks) and 4.40 races (77716259)
5.05 Brookside Omnibus (r) (Teletext) (s) (9528[illegible])
6.30 Right to Reply presented by Sheena McDonald. People who have taken part in fly-on-the-wall documentaries say whether they were happy with the outcome (Teletext) (s) (376)
7.00 Four-Mations: Aspects Of Comedy — Going to Work on an Egg. The Dutch animator Paul Driessen talks about his work and introduces three of his films — *Killing of an Egg*, *David* and *On Land, at Sea and in the Air* (3501)
8.00 Best of Cutting Edge: Eton — Class of '91 (r) (Teletext) See Choice (9921)
9.00 The Beiderbecke Connection. Episode two of Alan Plater's four-part sequel to *The Beiderbecke Tapes*, starring James Bolam and Barbara Flynn (r) (Teletext) (9785)
10.00 Drop The Dead Donkey. A repeat of the topical comedy series set in a television newsroom (r) (54476)



In Provence: Caubère and Roussell (10.30pm)

10.30 Film: Le Château de ma mère (1990). Exquisite sequel to *La Gloire de mon père* which continues the adventures of the young Marcel Pagnol and his parents on holiday in the Provençal countryside. Starring Julien Ciamaca, Philippe Caubère and Nathalie Roussel. Directed by Yves Robert. In French with English subtitles (s) (47732312)
12.25am Four-Mations: Aspects of Comedy. Three animations by Paul Driessen — *Elbowing*, *Tip Top* and *Sunny Side Up* (2918325)
12.45 Evening Shade. American comedy series starring Burt Reynolds (r) (s) (2914322)
1.20 Poor Man's Orange. Episode two of the four-part follow-up to the Australia-Irish drama *Harp in the South* (r) (1205254). Ends at **2.15**

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am Car 54, Where Are You? (68150) **6.30** Rin Tin Tin (83899) **7.00** Fun Factory (2157056) **12.00** WWF Superstars (49056) **1.00pm** Rich Man, Poor Man (25476) **2.00** Bewitched (6766) **2.30** The Facts of Life (5766) **3.00** Cartoons (38476) **4.00** The Dukes of Hazzard (40211) **5.00** WWF Superstars (9853) **6.00** Beverly Hills, 90210 (38940) **7.00** Class of '96 (82785) **8.00** UFO Special (68105) **9.00** Cops I (46495) **9.30** Cops II (40785) **10.00** WWF Superstars (81056) **11.00** Entertainment Tonight (23679) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (66132) **6.30** News and Business Report (843501) **9.30** Nightline (24747) **10.00** Dayline (83563) **10.30** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (14227) **11.00** Dayline (57501) **11.30** Getaway (97747) **12.30pm** Fashion TV (71921) **1.30** The Reporters (72650) **2.30** Nightline (22872) **3.30** Those Were The Days (22143) **4.30** Getaway (6872) **5.00** Live at Five (94389) **6.30** Fashion TV (87673) **7.30** The Reporters (7501) **9.30** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (98476) **10.30** The Reporters (68560) **11.30** Fashion TV (97037) **12.30am** Getaway (24709) **1.30** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (91254) **2.30** Fashion TV (16612) **3.30** Target (28457) **4.30** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (20254) **5.30-6.00** The Reporters (24099)

SKY MOVIES PLUS

6.00am Showcase (69230)
8.00 Wonder of It All (1986): Wildlife documentary (33330)
10.00 End of the Line (1987): Railroad workers steal a vintage engine (31037)
12.00 Primo Baby (1989): A teenage girl trains a blind racehorse (90853)
2.00pm Talent for the Game (1991): Edward James Olmos recruits baseball player Jeff Corbett (72308)
4.00 Lonely in America (1990): Culture-clash comedy with Ranjit Chowdry (4785)
6.00 Defending Your Life (1991): Albert Brooks and Meryl Streep meet on the way to heaven (85872)
8.00 Child's Play 2 (1990): The murderous doll returns to menace Alex Vincent (64389)
10.00 Jacob's Ladder (1990): Tim Robbins is haunted by demons (859230)
11.55 Frank and I (1983): Erotica (297501)
1.20am Leather Jackets (1990): Urban drama with D.B. Sweeney, Bridget Fonda and Cary Elwes (9898544)
2.50 Split Decisions (1988): A family of boxers fight in the ring and at home (730070)
4.25 Betsy's Wedding (1990): Alan Alda as the father of bride Molly Ringwald (4553344). Ends at **5.55**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Kiss Me Deadly (1955): Ralph Meeker as detective Mike Hammer (1495)
6.00 Born Free (1966): Virginia McKenna and Bill Travers raise a lioness (69872)
8.00 The Lady from Shanghai (1948, b/w): Orson Welles mystery starring Rita Hayworth (48389)
10.00 Sharky's Machine (1981): Burt Reynolds pursues gangster Vittorio Gassman (39143). Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Resurrection (1980). Ellen Burstyn acquires healing powers (67872)
8.00 The Kentuckian (1955). Burt Lancaster starts a new life in Texas (33312)
10.00 It Should Happen To You (1953): Judy Holliday rents a billboard and becomes a celebrity overnight (39679)
12.00 My Man Godfrey (1957): Rich girl June Allyson falls in love with butler David Niven (98495)
2.00pm Reunion (1990): Two friends are separated by the rise of Nazism (83650)
4.00 Where the Red Fern Grows (1990): A disabled soldier returns home from the second world war (2327)
6.00 Shadow of a Doubt (1991). Margaret Welsh suspects that uncle Mark Harmon is a murderer (83414)
8.00 Aces — Iron Eagle III (1991): Flying ace Louis Gossett Jr helps to combat a drugs ring (95259)
10.00 One Good Cop (1991): Michael Keaton looks after his dead partner's three daughters (227143)
11.50 Checking Out (1989). Jeff Daniels plays a hypochondriac (960785)
1.35am Sunset Beat (1990): Four police motorcyclists patrol Malibu (527438)
3.20 The Island (1980): A reporter is captured by descendants of pirates (635186). Ends at **5.10**

SKY SPORTS

6.30am Prime Bodies (36879) **7.00** Fairford Duathlon (51698) **8.00** European League Round-Up (52327) **9.00** Windsurfing (72495) **9.30** Sports Special (16327) **10.00** US PGA Golf (96563) **12.00** The Milk Race (99650) **1.00pm** Sports Saturday (6650018) **6.00** Bullnders (95834) **7.00** US PGA Golf (918655) **9.30** The Milk Race (58672) **10.30** The Isle of Man TT Races (79308) **11.00** Beckenham Tennis (47056) **1.00-3.30am** US PGA Golf (937430)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Aerobics (79672) **8.00** Motorsport (47495) **9.00** Motorcycling (67563) **9.30** NBA Basketball (92595) **10.00** American Ice Hockey (75056) **11.00** Motoball (55292) **12.00** Tennis: French Open (3664389) **4.00pm** Golf: British Masters (28211) **5.30** IAAF Athletics (663786) **8.00** Boxing (202105) **11.00** Basketball (76785) **12.00-1.00am** Tennis: French Open (33902)

UK GOLD

7.00am Michael Bentine's Potty Time (3498872) **7.30** Owl TV (3482679) **8.00** Lassie (4531037) **8.30** Dog House (4530308) **9.00** Jem (4514360) **9.30** The Raccoons (6463679) **10.00** Defenders of the Earth (2803124) **10.30** Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (4543872) **11.00** Film: The History of Mr Polly (1949, b/w) starring John Mills (17730501) **12.40pm** Film: Tarka the Otter (1979) starring Peter Bennett (34857582) **2.15** Bless This House (3494872) **2.45** EastEnders Omnibus (27928495) **5.30** The Chronicles of Narnia (7977259) **6.00** Driving Ambition (6475414) **7.00** Bless This House (4248785) **7.30** Streets Apart (7954308) **8.00** Bergerac (8095853) **9.00** Who Pays the Ferryman? (8082389) **10.00** Film: Miss Firecracker (1989) starring Holly Hunter (2048245) **11.50** Naked Video (5495414) **12.20am** Mornin' Sarge (7497322) **12.50-2.00am** In Concert: Phil Collins (74447506)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am *The Best of Jack in the Box* (60211) **7.00** Storybreak (44785) **7.30** The Greatest Tune on Earth (23292) **8.00** Cartoon Classics (79196) **8.30** RatKan II (461637) **11.30** Cartoons (32230) **12.00** Marvel Hour (46582) **1.00pm** Pugwall's Summer (55230) **2.00** 3-2-1 Contact (1018) **2.30** The Bankdays (5178) **3.00** You Can't Do That on Television (3853) **3.30** Round the Twist (5563) **4.00** Electric Stringvest (22853) **5.00** Phoenix Hall (5696) **5.30** Fifteen (4834) **6.00-7.00** Fame (42768)

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 2.30-3.00 Wrestling (105) **5.00-5.10** Anglia News (4529785) **12.05** Film: The Shadow Riders (780728) **1.50** Hollywood Report (7814438) **2.20** BPM (2415631) **3.20** The Little Picture Show (3703544) **4.20** The Big E (6480761) **5.05-5.30** On the Live Side (9716790)

BORDER

As London except: 2.30-3.00 Spanish Goals Extra (105) **5.00-5.10** Border News (4529785) **12.05** Film: The Shadow Riders (780728) **1.50** Hollywood Report (7814438) **2.20** BPM (2415631) **3.20** The Little Picture Show (3703544) **4.20** The Big E (6480761) **5.05-5.30** On the Live Side (9716790)

CENTRAL

As London except: 2.30-3.00 IndyCar 93 (105) **5.00-5.10** Central News (4529785) **12.05** 1993 World Music Awards (301235) **2.05** Shannon's Deal (2405254) **3.00** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (65051) **3.30** America's Top Ten (98490) **4.10** Jobfinder (7681506) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (5030506)

GRANADA

As London except: 2.30-3.00 Spanish Goals Extra (105) **5.00** Granada News (6402747) **5.05-5.10** Cartoon Time (6401018) **12.05** Film: The Shadow Riders (780728) **1.50** Hollywood Report (7814438) **2.20** BPM (2415631) **3.20** The Little Picture Show (3703544) **4.20** The Big E (6480761) **5.05-5.30** On the Live Side (9716790)

HTV WEST

As London except: 2.30-3.00 IndyCar 93 (105) **5.05-5.10** Cartoon Time (6401018) **12.05** Film: The Shadow Riders (780728) **1.50** Hollywood Report (7814438) **2.20** BPM (2415631) **3.20** The Little Picture Show (3703544) **4.20** The Big E (6480761) **5.05-5.30** On the Live Side (9716790)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 12.30-1.00 The Munsters Today (80369) **2.30-3.00** IndyCar 93 (105) **5.00** Meridian News (6402747) **5.05-5.10** Cartoon (6401018) **12.05** One to One (1436902) **12.35** The Big E (9858273) **1.30** Film: Stardust (50631) **3.30** Basketball (25761) **4.30-5.30** BPM (84438)

SCOTTISH

As London except: 2.30-3.00 Telefios — Na Seachduinn (105) **5.05-5.15** The Box (6401018) **11.35** Scotch and Irish (823360) **12.05** Film: The Black Torment (669895) **1.40** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (5936934) **2.10** BPM (2402167) **3.05** The Best (3577235) **4.00** Pop Profile (17983) **4.30** The Haunted House (66780) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (35322)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 2.30 Incredible Stunts and Jumps (105) **5.00-5.10** Tyne Tees Saturday (4529785) **12.05** Film: The Valdez Horses (780728) **1.50** Coach (7814438) **2.20** BPM (2415631) **3.20** The Little Picture Show (3703544) **4.20** Cue the Music (2578525) **5.15-5.30** Nite Bites (5531970)

ULSTER

As London except: 2.30-3.00 IndyCar 93 (105) **5.00-5.10** UTV Live (4529785) **12.05** Film: The Shadow Riders (780728) **1.50** Hollywood Report (7814438) **2.20** BPM (2415631) **3.20** The Little Picture Show (3703544) **4.20** The Big E (6480761) **5.05-5.30** On the Live Side (9716790)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 2.30-3.00 IndyCar 93 (105) **5.00-5.10** Westcountry Weekend (4529785) **12.05** Film: The Shadow Riders (780728) **1.50** Hollywood Report (7814438) **2.20** BPM (2415631) **3.20** The Little Picture Show (3703544) **4.20** The Big E (6480761) **5.05-5.30** On the Live Side (9716790)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 2.30-3.00 Incredible Stunts and Jumps (105) **5.00-5.10** Calendar News (4529785) **12.05** Film: The Valdez Horses (780728) **1.50** BPM (4874167) **3.20** The Little Picture Show (3703544) **4.20** Cue the Music (2578525) **5.15-5.30** Nite Bites

S4C

Starts: 7.00 Paddington (1521698) **7.05** The Legend of White Fang (6480143) **7.35** King Arthur and the Knights of Justice (1292143) **8.00** Betty's Bunch (43360) **8.30** Bwcwd O'r Urdd (82259) **9.00** News (7607124) **9.15** Racing: The Morning Line (1341853) **10.00** Trans World Sport (86360) **11.00** Gazzetta Football Italia — With Paul Gascoigne (86124) **12.00** Sign On (53747) **12.30** The Wonder Years (11259) **1.00** Towards an Unknown Land (46394) **2.00** Eisteddfod Yr Urdd (294698) **3.35** Channel 4 Racing (2907327) **5.05** Brookside (9528679) **6.30** Slot Sbaddord (376) **7.00** Newyddion (210698) **7.20** Taith Y Llewod '93 (694501) **7.50** Pigion Y Dydd (34081563) **11.00** Rygbi (3768) **11.30** Drop the Dead Donkey (491051) **12.00** Europe Express (69148) **12.30** Close

RTE 1

Starts: 2.35 John Silver's Return to Treasure Island (3334853) **3.00** The Bugs Bunny Show (5784501) **3.30** Little House on the Prairie (1596018) **4.25** Film: Dusty (54440679) **6.01** News (1902308) **6.15** Cartoon Time (2766124) **6.20** The Adventures of Skippy (2769679) **6.50** Coach (8738563) **7.15** Star Trek (8794360) **8.05** Dr Quinn, Medicine Woman (7336921) **9.00** News (8829853) **9.20** A Taste of Tops (6761747) **10.20** Reasonable Doubts (6161143) **11.15** News (8659124) **11.20-1.00** Film: Peter Gunn (8575037)

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Neale James with The Weekend Breakfast Show (FM only until 6.00am) **7.00** Gary Davies **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Adrian Juste **2.00** Def Leppard (1/2) **3.00** Johnnie Walker **5.30** The Saturday Rock Show **8.00** Metallica in Concert, live from Milton Keynes Bowl **10.30** John Peel (FM only from 12.00) **2.00-4.00am** Steve Edwards (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Colin Berry **6.00** Barbara Sturgeon **8.05** Brian Matthew with Sounds of the Sixties **10.00** Anne Robinson **12.00** Hayes on Saturday **1.30pm** The News Huddlines **2.00** Ronnie Hilton with Sounds of the Fifties **3.00** Steve Race **4.00** Days of Future Passed. John Sachs presents tracks from the 1967 album by the Moody Blues **5.00** Cinema 2 **5.30** Nick Barraclough with New Country **6.00** Gene Pitney in Concert (r) **7.00** Edmundo Ros **7.30** An Evening with Dennis O'Neill: The tenor in concert at the Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham **9.30** David Jacobs presents Easy Does It **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme **12.05am** Ronnie Hilton (r) **1.00-4.00** John Terrett

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until Noon. **6.00am** World Service: Newshour **6.30** Mark Curry's Weekend Edition **9.30** Get Set... **10.30** Hopalong Cassidy **11.00** Test Match Special: England v Australia from Old Trafford, incl at **1.05** A View from the Boundary. Brian Johnston talks to John McCarthy and Jill Morrell **1.30pm** Sport on Five: cricket, racing from Epsom; golf, tennis, rugby union **5.00** Sports Report **6.30** The Late Six-O-Six **7.30** Afropop Worldwide: The Dominican Republic **8.30** Le Top **9.30** Nightbeat **10.00** Sports Bulletin **10.15** The Way Out **12.00-12.10am** News

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin: Tips für Touristen **5.30** Jazz Now and Then **5.45** Worldbrief **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Meridian **8.00** News **8.30** People and Politics **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** A Jolly Good Show **10.00** News **10.05** Business Report **10.15** Worldbrief **10.30** Personal View **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.01** Printer's Devil **11.15** Letter from America **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 3 **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** News **3.01** Sportsworld **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** Sportsworld **6.00** BBC English **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.01** AD 1789. See Choice **8.45** From the Weeklies **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Personal View **9.30** Meridian **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Jazz for the Asking **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** News **12.05am** Words of Faith **12.10** Book Choice **12.15** A Jolly Good Show **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** The Ken Bruce Show **2.00** News **2.01** Play of the Week: You May Leave, the Show is Over **3.00** News **3.30** Modern Monarchs **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sport

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Sarah Lucas **9.00** Classic CD Chart Rundown **12.00** Petroc Trelawny **3.00pm** Adrian Love **6.00** Classic America **7.00** Introduction to the Opera. Verdi's *Otello* **10.00** Six of the Best **12.00-6.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Graham Dene **10.00** Chris Evans **1.00pm** Emperor Rosko **4.00** Dave Fanning **8.00** Kevin Greening **11.00** Tommy Rivers **2.00-6.00am** Sandy Beech

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Lord Briggs on Victorian Culture
6.55 Weather
7.00 Record Review: Paul Guinery presents Bruch (Concerto for two pianos: Katia and Marielle Labèque, pianos; Philharmonic Orchestra under Semyon Bychkov); Howells (Phantasy String Quartet: Lyric Quartet); Prokofiev (Romeo and Juliet — excerpts: Royal Liverpool Philharmonia Orchestra under Libor Pesek); Trad, arr Britten (Three Traditional Irish Melodies: Ann Murray, mezzo, Graham Johnson, piano); Mendelssohn (Symphony No 3 in A minor, Scottish: San Francisco Symphony Orchestra under Herbert Blomstedt) **9.00 News**
9.05 Record Review continues with Anthony Burton. **Building a Library**: Stephen Dodgson reviews Brahms's Piano Concerto No 1; John Steane listens to new discs of British choral music, including a new series of British church music from ASV and Volume 3 of Hyperion's *The English Anthem*; and Lyndon Jenkins samples Marco Polo's *British Light Music*. **10.35 Record Release**: Elgar (Give unto the Lord: Choir of St Paul's Cathedral under John Scott, with Andrew Lucas, organ); Bax (Five Greek Folk Songs: Finzi Singers under Paul Spicer); Edward German (Gypsy Suite: Czecho-Slovak Radio Symphony Orchestra, Bratislava, under Adrian Leaper); Howells (Magnificat; Nunc dimittis, Chichester: Choir of Queen's College, Oxford, under Matthew Owens, with David Want, organ); **11.25** Rob Cowan looks at reissues featuring conductors such as Mengelberg, Koussevitsky and Stokowski, including Poe's *The Raven*, recited to music by Dubensky and conducted by Stokowski; **12.25pm** Stravinsky (Petrushka — 1911 version: Philadelphia Orchestra under Leopold Stokowski)
1.00 News
1.05 Music for a While: Best Behaviour. Music for the home, church and court by Purcell and his contemporaries
1.35 Test Match Special: England v Australia. The third afternoon's play of the first Test from Old Trafford. Commentary by Brian Johnston, Jonathan Agnew, Christopher Martin-Jenkins and Neville Oliver. With expert comment from Trevor Bailey and David Lloyd. The scorer is Bill Frindall. Including at **3.45-4.00** Your Letters Answered
6.10 Evening Sequence: A selection of music on disc
7.15 Il Turco in Italia: Chorus of the Théâtre Municipal, Lausanne; Lausanne Chamber Orchestra under Maurizio Arena performs Act 1 of Rossini's two-act comic opera. To a libretto by Felice Romani, after Caterino Mazzolà. Sung in Italian. With Carl-John Falkman as the poet Prosdocimo; Simone Alaimo as Selim, a Turkish prince; Luciana Serra as Donna Fiorilla; Bruno Pratico as her husband Don Geronio; and Giovanna de Liso Vaio as Zaida. **8.30** Opera News, with James Naughtie. **9.15** Act 2
10.30 London Jazz Festival: John Surman's Brass Project. Geoffrey Smith introduces a recording of a concert in the Lilian Baylis Theatre. See Choice
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** The Farming Week: Tim Finney reports from New Zealand **6.50** Prayer for the Day **6.55** Weather **7.00** Today, incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.20** Listeners' Letters **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **7.55** Weather **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Sport on 4, with Cliff Morgan
9.30 Breakaway: Eddie Mair presents the holiday and travel programme
10.00 News; Loose Ends: Conversation with Ned Sherrin, Annabel Giles, Craig Ferguson and John Hegley
11.00 News; Talking Politics: Dr Steve Jones considers the future for science in Britain
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 Money Box, presented by Leslie Curwen
12.25pm Ukridge Griff Rhys Jones stars as P.G. Wodehouse's favourite character (r) **12.55** Weather **1.00 News**
1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby is joined in Wolverton, Bucks, by by MPs David Rendel and Dennis Skinner, Helena Kennedy, QC; and Lord Tebbit (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 Any Answers? 071-580 4444 from 12.30pm
2.30 Playhouse: Who Killed Palomino Molero? Mario Vargas Llosa's adult crime story, set in 1954 Peru. With Charles Simpson, Ray Fearon and Steve Hodson (r)
4.00 News; You Know It Makes Sense: Concorde and Sweet Sounds. Geoff Watts explores our sense of hearing (3/6)
4.30 Science Now: Peter Evans explores the impact of Alan Turing's ideas today
5.00 In the Club: Martin Wainwright meets meets devotees of the written and the spoken word
5.25 Tea Junction 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 News and Sports Round-Up
6.25 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news (r)
6.50 Home Truths: John Miller talks to nurse Claire Bertschinger, winner of the Florence Nightingale medal (r)
7.20 Kaleidoscope: Bryan Robertson talked to the sculptor Dame Elisabeth Frink shortly before her death this year (r)
7.50 Saturday Night Theatre: Doppelganger, by J.C.W. Brook. The myth of the doppelganger becomes a nightmarish reality for Adam and Jane. With Nigel Anthony and Emily Richard (r)
9.20 Music in Mind: Brian Kay presents favourite melodies
9.50 Ten to Ten 9.59 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Trivia Test Match: Brian Johnston umpires another test of wit and general knowledge from IBM Hursley Cricket Club, near Winchester. Taking the crease: Tim Rice and Willie Rushton, with Leslie Thomas and Christopher Martin-Jenkins (r)
10.45 Dot Dot Dash: Joanna Buchan dances through Benesh Movement Notation
11.00 Singing for a Living: Nigel Douglas talks to the opera singer Robert Lloyd (r)
11.30 Winston in Europe, Peter Tinniswood. With Shirley Dixon as Nancy, Maurice Denham as Father and Liz Goulding as Rosie (r)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

AD 1789. *World Service, 8.01pm.*
And here are the news headlines... the Bastille has fallen. George Washington has been elected the first president of the United States and there has been a mutiny on the British ship Bounty. Had radio existed at the time, this is how the events of that year might have been reported, with interviews, on the spot reports by correspondents and analysis by experts. Also included in this compression of historical highlights are Japan's new programme of social and economic reform and a report on the first play to be performed in Australia, *The Recruiting Officer*. It ran for one night. An arts and science round-up is also included. That was some year, that was.

London Jazz Festival. *Radio 3, 10.30pm.*
This is a chance to hear John Surman, one of our finest and most influential improvising musicians, in a programme recorded at the festival a fortnight ago. It includes interviews with Surman and the arranger/conductor John Warren, with whom he formed the Brass Project in 1981. Surman is heard on soprano and baritone saxophones and bass clarinet.

Kenneth Gosling

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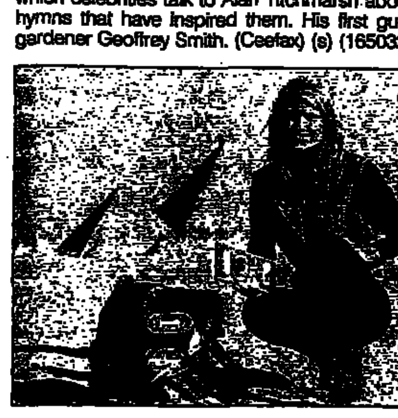
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SUNDAY TELEVISION AND RADIO

BBC1

7.00 Ceefax (94273)
7.30 Wiz Bang (r) (s) (9145254) **7.40 Charlie Chalk** (r) (9125490) **7.55 Playdays** (r) (4261148)
8.15 Breakfast With Frost. Includes **News** at **8.15** and **9.00** (594341)
9.15 In Touch with Healing. To what extent are the sick responsible for their own healing (r) (7835051)
9.30 This is the Day. Prayer and reflection on the Isle of Man during the annual TT races (s) (80419)
10.00 See Hear! Magazine series for the hearing impaired (s) (63815) **10.30 Italianissimo.** An introduction to the music and musicians of Bari (r) (7904186)
10.45 The History Man. Bryan McNerney visits Grimes Graves, Norfolk's Neolithic flint mines (r) (2364254)
10.50 Cricket. The opening session of the fourth day's play in the first Test between England and Australia at Old Trafford (s) (32485148)
12.30 CountryFile. Rural issues explored. (8658341). Wales: Down to Earth **12.55 Weather** (72430099)
1.00 News (69883167) followed by **On the Record** (9340998)
2.00 EastEnders (r). (Ceefax) (s) (64544)
3.00 Film: Krakatoa, East of Java (1969) starring Maximilian Schell, Diane Baker and Barbara Werle. Adventure thriller about a ship carrying a disparate collection of passengers and crew bound for an island about to explode in the biggest volcanic eruption in recorded history. Directed by Bernard L. Kowalski (90235)
5.00 The Flintstones. Cartoon adventures (9116070)
5.25 Lifeline. An appeal by Robert Powell on behalf of Marie Cure Cancer Care (s) (6487438)
5.35 Masterchef. The Home Counties heat of the amateur cook competition. Joining Loyd Grossman to judge the entrants are Jenni Murray of *Woman's Hour* and Gary Rhodes, chef at London's Greenhouse. (Ceefax) (509001)
6.10 News with Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (456870)
6.25 Sweet Inspiration. The first of four programmes in which celebrities talk to Alan Titchmarsh about the hymns that have inspired them. His first guest is gardener Geoffrey Smith. (Ceefax) (s) (165032)



Travel challenge: Anneka Rice (7.00pm)

7.00 Passport. A new series in which Anneka Rice leads two couples to an unknown destination to compete in a series of tough mental and physical tasks. The first port of call is Egypt. (Ceefax) (s) (215896)
7.50 Film: Perry Mason — The Case of the Poisoned Pen (1979). Raymond Burr solves the murder of an unpopular crime writer. With Barbara Hale and David Warner. Directed by Christian I. Nyby II. (Ceefax) (997542)
9.20 News (Ceefax) and weather (356896)
9.35 Lady Chatterley. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (940902)
10.30 Heart of the Matter: Fighting for Life. Joan Bakewell asks whether "pro-lifers" should be able to stop a woman exercising her legal right to terminate a pregnancy (215148). Northern Ireland: The Championship
11.05 Time of her Life. Series on health and well being for women over the age of 40. (Ceefax) (167167). Northern Ireland: 11.20 Heart of the Matter 11.55-12.25 Time of Her Life
11.35 Seabrook's Year. It is the shearing season for the freelance farm worker Richard Seabrook (r) (956273) **12.05am Weather** (9938571)

BBC2

6.15 Open University: Foreign Car Factories in Britain (1655051). **6.40** Maths: Cayley's Theorem (9688902) **7.05** Inorganic Chemistry: Bonding (4245952) **7.30** Social Problems: Why Care? (1242148) **7.55** The University of Salamanca (4276070) **8.20** Education: Measuring Effectiveness (7347506) **8.45** Open Forum (4037322)
9.10 Thundercats (r) (7669964) **9.30 Jonny Briggs.** Episode ten of the 13-part serial (r) (7093438) **9.50 The Movie Game** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (7097254) **10.15 Rugrats.** Cartoon (s) (6783728) **10.40 Grange Hill.** Episode one of the second series, shown in 1979 (2104761) **11.00 Blue Peter Omnibus** (r) (s) (4623631) **11.25 The All New Popeye Show** (r) (1755693) **11.45 The O-Zone.** Pop music magazine featuring Lisa Stansfield, Pet Shop Boys and Tasmin Archer (s) (6145104) **12.00 Turkey Love.** Animated story about a little girl staying on a farm (r) (64983)
12.30 Sunday Grandstand introduced by Helen Rolleson. The line up is (subject to alteration): **12.30** (82877), **1.40** (93448273) and **4.00** (6231) Cricket: live coverage of the fourth day's play in the first Test between England and Australia at Old Trafford; **1.00** (5324148) and **3.40** (3109780) Tennis: the French Open man's singles final; **6.00** (90896) Golf: the final round of the Dunhill British Masters from Woburn. **Wales:** 2.45-5.00 World Cup Football: Faroe Islands v Wales
7.00 The Money Programme: Collared? — Fraud on Trial. Joshua Rozenberg and Tessa Curtis examine whether the methods of the Serious Fraud Office can be improved without risking miscarriages of justice (653032)
7.40 Two Seconds To Midnight. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (739728)



Maverick: Alan Clark and wife Jane (9.10pm)

9.10 Love Tory: A Film Portrait of Alan Clark. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (529167)
10.00 Moviedrome. Alex Cox introduces **Film: House of Games** (1987) starring Lindsay Crouse and Joe Mantegna. Stylish and teasing psychological thriller, written and directed by David Mamet, about a psychiatrist's involvement with a conman patient who leads her into deceit, gambling and lies (386506)
11.45 Cricket. Highlights of the fourth day's play in the first Test match between England and Australia at Old Trafford, introduced by Richie Benaud (s) (342051)
12.25am International Tennis. John Barrett and Mark Cox introduce action from this afternoon's men's singles final of the French Open (s) (5171718)
1.15 Badminton. The 1993 world championship from Birmingham. The commentators are Barry Davies and Gill Clark (1199649). **Ends at 2.10**

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Lady's man: Sean Bean as Mellors (BBC1, 9.35pm)

Lady Chatterley
BBC1, 9.35pm

D.H. Lawrence's notorious tale of raw-blooded adultery comes to television courtesy of the equally notorious Ken Russell, who directs, co-writes and plays the heroine's dad. On the face of it, the Lawrence-Russell combination, which in the cinema produced *Women in Love* and *The Rainbow*, seems perfectly calculated to jam the BBC switchboards. It yet might, though tonight's episode is unlikely to offend. Joely Richardson makes a decorative Lady Constance, with James Wilby as her war-crippled husband and Sean Bean as Mellors, the wild man of the woods. The film looks splendid, with its rich autumnal photography, but is sometimes let down by dialogue which sounds more like Russell than Lawrence.

Comics
Channel 4, 9.00pm

The prolific Lynda La Plante, who seems to come up with a new thriller every couple of months or so, sets her latest one among the alternative comics of Soho. Johnny Lazar (Tim Guinee), a provocative American performer banned by the television networks, comes to try his luck in Britain. No sooner has he essayed his first stand-up routine than he is the witness to a gangland murder and trying to make punters laugh becomes secondary to looking after his own skin. In the La Plante style *Comics* is a gritty, fast-moving, fast-talking drama, with a shrewd observation of life in the lower reaches. It is sturdily performed by a non-star cast and concludes tomorrow.

Two Seconds to Midnight
BBC2, 7.40pm

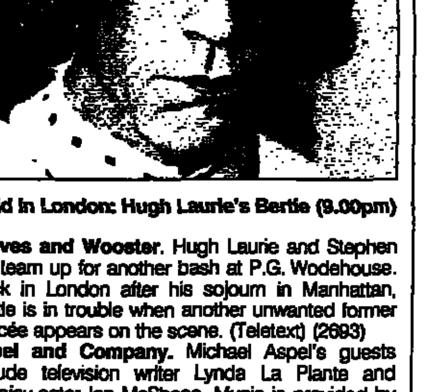
If the history of the earth were to be compressed in a day, the human contribution would occupy just the final two seconds. This imaginative documentary stretches that two seconds into 90 minutes as it attempts a whirlwind history of the world and even leaves time for peering into the future. The best part, helped by imaginative computer graphics, is the recreation of man's emergence and early survival. After that the story becomes simplified and rushed. The focus, throughout, is on the conflict between man and the environment, leading to pertinent but hardly original, speculation on whether, through cutting population growth, harnessing new energy sources and the like, the world can be changed for the better.

Love Tory
BBC2, 9.10pm

In the funniest political profile for a very long while, Michael Cockerell tackles Alan Clark. Clark's forte is being absolutely shameless and it makes splendid copy. He apologises for nothing, whether it be political gaffes or extra-marital affairs. Jane, his wife of 35 years, calls him dreadful and impossible and once threw an axe at him. She insists she still loves him. Clark's big ambition was to reach the Tory cabinet. Given his tendency to criticise government policy while a member of that government, he not surprisingly failed. But he had much fun along the way and Mrs Thatcher was as tolerant politically as Mrs Clark has been domestically. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (2865772) **9.25 Heidi.** The story of a young girl living with her grumpy grandfather (8169254) **9.50 The New Adventures of Black Beauty.** Australian drama series (s) (7538902) **10.20 The Littlest Hobo.** Canine adventures (6777167)
10.45 Link. Peter White with a profile of Maggie Woolley, a pioneer of deaf broadcasting. (Teletext) (7994709)
11.00 Morning Worship for Trinity Sunday from the Church of the Sacred Heart, North Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne (84896)
12.00 Divine Inspiration. The first of a new lighthearted religious quiz for ministers and teams from their congregations (68709)
12.30 Crosstalk. News of politics in the capital (92001)
1.00 News with Tim Ewart. Weather (59470047)
1.10 Sunday Supplement. Edwina Currie and a studio audience quiz the new editor of *The Observer*, Jonathan Fenby, on matters of the day (s) (2060867)
2.00 Faith and Music. Rock star Mike Oldfield on the importance to him of religion and music (s) (4964)
2.30 International Rugby Union. Highlights of Canada v England and Namibia v Wales (88544)
3.30 Film: 36 Hours (1964, b/w) starring Rod Taylor, James Garner and Eva Marie Saint. Clever spy thriller about an American intelligence officer who is kidnapped by German agents, drugged and shipped to Berlin. When he wakes up he is told that it is 1950 and he is in the United States. Directed by George Seaton (76419)
5.30 The $64,000 Question. Bob Monkhouse hosts the first of a new series of the game show (s) (896)
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (756631)
6.20 News with Julia Somerville. Weather (648273)
6.30 Watching. Romantic comedy series starring Emma Wray and Paul Bown (r). (Teletext) (761)
7.00 Surprise, Surprise. Cilla Black with more emotional and unexpected moments for members of the audience and viewers. (Teletext) (s) (3709)
8.00 Heartbeat. Drama series, set in the 1960s, about a Yorkshire Moors policeman from London and his doctor wife. (Teletext) (s) (2457)

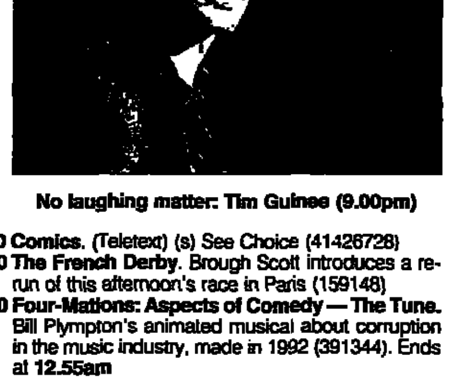


Maid in London: Hugh Laurie's Bertie (9.00pm)

9.00 Jeeves and Wooster. Hugh Laurie and Stephen Fry team up for another bash at P.G. Wodehouse. Back in London after his sojourn in Manhattan, Bertie is in trouble when another unwanted former fiancée appears on the scene. (Teletext) (2693)
10.00 Aspel and Company. Michael Aspel's guests include television writer Lynda La Plante and *Lovejoy* actor Ian McShane. Music is provided by Sinead O'Connor and Hot House Flowers (390380)
10.45 Spitting Image (s) (500877)
11.15 News with Julia Somerville. Weather (421877)
11.35 Faith and Music. Boy George talks about his conversion to the Hare Krishna movement (s) (941341) **12.05am Cue the Music** featuring the Happy Mondays touring America (4706668)
1.10 TXT. Music and chat (2130945) **2.15 Out of Limits.** Spectacular sporting achievements (9250007)
2.30 Memories of 1970-1991. 1985 — the year that Gorbachev came to power (s) (89755)
3.30 European Snooker League. Peter Ebdon v Alan McManus (58755) **5.30 ITN News** (86991)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Trans World Sport (r) (9884728) **6.55 Spiff and Hercules.** Cartoon adventures of a battling cat and dog (7203235) **7.05 The Wombles** (1580341) **7.10 Bunch of Munsch.** Animation (6436186) **7.40 Sharky and George.** Cartoon adventures of a pair of fishy detectives (1266728) **8.05 Doug** Animation (2335419) **8.35 The Adventures of Tintin.** Hergé's hero in part one of *The Castafiore Emerald* (4033506)
9.00 California Dreams. Episode seven of a 26-part story of a rock band searching for stardom (79815)
9.30 Dennis. Cartoon series about a mischievous young boy (r) (3264148)
9.45 Flipper. Adventures of a friendly dolphin (351438)
10.15 The Lone Ranger (b/w) Classic western adventures starring Clayton Moore as the masked goodie, in this story investigating a renegade Indian with a new repeating rifle (343419)
10.45 Land of the Giants. Vintage science fiction drama (r) (506186)
11.45 Little House on the Prairie. The story of a close-knit Kansas Plains family. Starring Michael Landon (6410612)
12.40 Film: Knute Rockne — All American (1940, b/w). Pleasingly traditional biopic of the Norwegian-born football coach, with Pat O'Brien and Ronald Reagan. Directed by Lloyd Bacon (Teletext) (44599341)
2.30 Four-Mations: Aspects of Comedy. Two animations. Eduard Nazarov's *Once There Lived a Dog* and Garry Bardin's *The Grey Wolf and Little Red Riding Hood* (6716419)
3.15 Football Italia. Live coverage of the game between Florentina and Foggia (68179998). Followed by **News** summary and weather
5.30 The Next Big Thing. Documentary series following the fortunes of a north London band searching for success (s) (654970)
6.05 Billy the Fish. A compilation of cartoons based on the character in the *Viz* comic strip (r) (638761)
6.30 The Wonder Years. The final episode of the nostalgic American comedy about growing up in the sixties. Starring Fred Savage (Teletext) (631)
7.00 Four-Mations: Aspects of Comedy Four animations — Bob Godfrey's *Great*, Yuri Nortein's *The Heron and the Crane*, Bill Plympton's *Your Face* and *The Wolf and the Calf* by Mikhail Kamenetky (4051)
8.00 The Long Summer: Lights Bulbs and Lino. Alan Bennett narrates part four of the series about social life in Britain between the two world wars. (Teletext) (5070)
8.30 Streetlegal looks at the evidence of expert witnesses and asks whether Scotland's emphasis on non-custodial sentences has been responsible for the fall in juvenile crime. Plus Paul Foot on the responsibilities of former attorney-general Sir Patrick Mayhew (1877)



No laughing matter: Tim Guinee (9.00pm)

9.00 Comics. (Teletext) (s) See Choice (41426728)
11.10 The French Derby. Brough Scott introduces a re-run of this afternoon's race in Paris (159148)
11.40 Four-Mations: Aspects of Comedy — The Tune. Bill Plympton's animated musical about corruption in the music industry, made in 1992 (391344). Ends at **12.55am**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.25 Film: Race For Your Life, Charlie Brown (1920761) **10.05** Cartoon (8012780) **10.15-10.45** The Littlest Hobo (345877) **12.30-1.00** Countrywide (8650709) **3.30-5.30** Film. The Thomas Crown Affair (172273) **6.00-6.20** Anglia News (756631) **11.35** It's A Living (941341) **12.05** Quiz Night (1403674) **12.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (8931755) **1.05** Film: Shock (243804) **2.50** The New Music (2663823) **3.55** Entertainment UK (9406939) **4.50** America's Top Ten (9056874) **5.15-5.30** Jobfinder (66991)

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.25 Film: Race For Your Life, Charlie Brown (1920761) **10.05** Cartoon Time (8012780) **10.15-10.45** The Littlest Hobo (345877) **12.30-1.00** Central Newsweek (8650709) **2.00** Take 15 (48137506) **2.15-2.30** Earthfile (25444070) **3.30** Coach (525) **4.00** Film: Pippi on the Run (24913568) **5.40** Cartoon Time (381341) **5.45-6.20** The $64,000 Question (229490) **10.00** Spitting Image (69438) **10.30-11.15** Aspel and Company (947235) **12.05** Prisoner: Cell Block H (6277115) **1.05** Riviera (1180991) **2.00** ITV Chart Show (71945) **3.00** Cue the Music (6260133) **4.05** Night Shift (44457378) **4.15** Jobfinder (7593397) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (5934378)

HTV WEST
As London except: 9.25 Film: Spooner (1572815) **10.25-10.45** Cartoon Time (2132322) **12.30-1.00** HTV Newsweek (92001) **2.30** Meredith on Sunday (780) **3.00** Wrestling (8272815) **3.45** International Rugby (870273) **4.45** Magnum (478964) **5.45-6.20** The $64,000 Question (229490) **11.35** Brewhouse Jazz (941341) **12.05** Quiz Night (1403674) **12.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (8931755) **1.05** Film: Shock (Alain Delon, Catherine Deneuve) (243804) **2.50** The New Music (2663823) **3.55** Entertainment UK (9406939) **4.50** America's Top Ten (85130723) **5.15-5.30** Jobfinder (4880262)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 12.30-1.00 Playback **2.30-3.00** Wales on Sunday **4.45-5.45** Urdd Eisteddfod 93

MERIDIAN
As London except: 9.25 Race For Your Life Charlie Brown (1920761) **10.05** Cartoon (8012780) **10.15-10.45** The Littlest Hobo (345877) **12.30** Meridian This Week (3799780) **12.50-1.00** Meridian News (33321235) **3.30** Wanted: Dead or Alive (525) **4.00** Cartoon (9433896) **4.20** Life Goes On (1957490) **5.15** $64,000 Question (237419) **5.45-6.20** Fit To Win (229490) **10.00** Spitting Image (69438) **10.30-11.15** Aspel & Company (947235) **11.35** Film: The Return of Sherlock Holmes (Michael Pennington) (403032) **1.20** ITV Chart Show (2900129) **2.20** Kojak (1545194) **3.15** The Pier (7986007) **3.50** Derrick (1196668) **4.55** Three Minutes (77858) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen

TYNE TEES
As London except: 9.25 Film: Exile (1307419) **10.15-10.45** The New Adventures of Black Beauty (345877) **12.25** The Littlest Hobo (9013167) **12.50-1.00** Tyne Tees Newsweek (33321235) **3.30** Sixty Tiny Fingers (7729070) **4.15** Cartoon (8737380) **4.20** Life Goes On (1956761) **5.20** The $64,000 Question (9112254) **5.50-6.20** Tyne Tees Weekend (257544) **11.35** Love and War (474099) **12.25** Quiz Night (4757533) **12.55** The Best (9523533) **2.00** Film: Hum Se Na Takrana (95534668) **4.45-5.30** Jobfinder (3101113)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 9.25 Film: Race For Your Life, Charlie Brown (1920761) **10.05** Cartoon Time (8012780) **10.15-10.45** The Littlest Hobo (345877) **12.30-1.00** Westcountry Update (8650709) **3.30** Film: Stormin' Home (541254) **5.15** Brief Encounters (237419) **5.45-6.20** The $64,000 Question (229490) **11.35** Married...with Children (941341) **12.05** Quiz Night (1403674) **12.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (8931755) **1.05** Film: Shock (243804) **2.50** The New Music (2663823) **3.55** Entertainment UK (9406939) **4.50-5.15** America's Top Ten (85130723)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 9.25 Film: Exile (1307419) **10.15-10.45** The New Adventures of Black Beauty (345877) **12.25** The Littlest Hobo (9013167) **12.50-1.00** Calendar News (33321235) **3.30** Sixty Tiny Fingers (7729070) **4.15** Cartoon (8737380) **4.25** Life Goes On (1956761) **5.20** The $64,000 Question (9112254) **5.50-6.20** Calendar (257544) **11.35** Love and War (474099) **12.25** Quiz Night (4757533) **12.55** The Best (9523533) **2.00** Film: Hum Se Na Takrana (95534668) **4.45-5.30** Jobfinder (3101113)

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6.00am Hour of Power (75235) **7.00** Fun Factory (8244728) **11.30** The Brady Bunch (56902) **12.00** WWF Challenge (12032) **1.00pm** Robin of Sherwood (21780) **2.00** The Love Boat (39506) **3.00** WKRP in Cincinnati (3631) **3.30** Fashion TV (5341) **4.00** UK Top 40 (48525) **5.00** All-American Wrestling (4983) **6.00** The Simpsons (41544) **7.00** The Young Indiana Jones Chronicles (55761) **8.00** All The Rivers Run: Third of a four-part mini series with Sigrid Thornton (75525) **10.00** Hill Street Blues (54032) **11.00** Wiseguy (10235) **12.00** Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (1868524) **9.30** Talking with David Frost (17341) **10.30** Talking with David Frost (71490) **12.30pm** *Financial Times* Reports (77235) **1.30** Target (78984) **2.30** Roving Report (33308) **3.30** *Financial Times* Reports (54867) **4.30** Memories of 1970-1991 (1902) **5.00** Live at Five (92531) **6.30** Roving Report (10167) **7.30** *Financial Times* Reports (2631) **9.30** Target (94780) **10.30** Roving Report (14322) **11.30** ABC News (50001) **12.30am** Those Were The Days (57113) **1.30** ABC News (12533) **2.30** Target (30378) **3.30** ABC News (35823) **4.30** The National Gallery — A Private View (69939) **5.30-6.00** Beyond 2000 (40113)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (65544)
8.00 Great Expectations: The Untold Story (1989): The life in exile of Magwitch. With Sigrid Thornton (95438)
10.00 A Girl of the Limberlost (1990): Heather Fairfield lives with her widowed mother in rural Indiana (37341)
12.00 The Doomsday Flight (1966): A terrorist plants a bomb on a plane. Starring Jack Lord (78761)
2.00pm Mara of the Wilderness (1965): Adam West tames Linda Saunders (78612)
4.00 Frankenstein: The College Years (1992) Medical students re-animate a dead body (30714032)
5.50 Captain America (1990): Matt Salinger as the Marvel comics' hero (42214099)
7.30 Xposure: Film news (6457)
8.00 Neon City (1991): Bounty hunter Michael Ironside escorts outlaw Vanity to a futuristic metropolis (60693)
10.00 Homicide (1991): Jewish detective Joe Mantegna investigates an anti-semitic conspiracy in Baltimore (307964)
11.45 The Dark Side of the Moon (1990): Astronauts encounter an alien force. Starring William Bledsoe (939032)
1.20am The Decameron (1970): Bawdy medieval tales (36300571)
3.45 I Bought a Vampire Motorcycle (1990): Horror-comedy with Neil Morrissey and Michael Elphick (685113). Ends at **5.30**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
4.00pm Four for Texas (1963). Western comedy with Dean Martin (3815)
6.00 Escape to Burma (1955): Robert Ryan seeks refuge in Barbara Stanwyck's plantation (83728)
8.00 Honky Tonk Freeway (1981): A new road bypasses a small Florida town. Comedy with William Devane (68273)
10.00 The Getaway (1972): Chase thriller starring Steve McQueen and Ali MacGraw (28709). Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am The Naked Prey (1966): An African tribe pursues Cornel Wilde (61418322)
7.50 Leadbelly (1976): Biopic of blues guitarist Huddie Ledbetter (40737419)
10.00 Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead (1991): Tom Stoppard's comic gloss on *Hamlet* starring Gary Oldman and Tim Roth (35983)
12.00 Which Way Home (1991): Cybill Shepherd tries to smuggle orphans out of Cambodia (43854506)
2.25pm Nashville Beat (1990): Kent McCord tracks a drug-smuggling operation to Tennessee (928254)
4.00 The Adventures of Milo and Otis (1989): Dudley Moore narrates the story of a dog and a cat (88709)
5.30 Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves (1991): Kevin Costner battles against Alan Rickman's sheriff of Nottingham (549099)
8.00 Soapdish (1991): Sally Field stars in a soap within a soap. With Whoopi Goldberg and Kevin Kline (68235)
10.00 Jungle Fever (1991): Spike Lee's inter-racial romantic drama (12192438)
12.15am Texasville (1990): Sequel to *The Last Picture Show* starring Timothy Bottoms and Jeff Bridges (39210378)
2.20 Quiet Days in Clichy (1989): Erotic drama with Andrew McCarthy and Nigel Havers (501991)
4.05 Beautiful Dreamers (1990). Fact-based drama about the friendship between the poet Walt Whitman and mental sylum director Maurice Bucke. With Colm Feore and Rip Torn (915991). Ends at **5.50**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Prime Bodies (28761) **7.30** US PGA Golf, Ohio (85544) **9.30** Isle of Man TT Update (96693) **10.00** Red Line (53984) **11.00** Bulriders (73728) **12.00** The Milk Race (19544) **1.00pm** Beckenham Tennis (456815) **3.30** Solent Games Athletics (54235) **5.30** The History of the TT Races (88070) **6.30** US PGA Golf (7875544) **11.00** The Milk Race (54693) **12.00-2.00am** Beckenham Tennis (73026)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (59148) **8.00** Golf: British Masters (21167) **9.00** Tennis. French Open (19032) **11.00** Boxing (39099) **12.30pm** IAAF Athletics (13051) **1.30** Tennis: French Open (91148) **2.00** Tennis and Golf (4671952) **6.00** Indy Car Grand Prix (86308) **8.00** American Ice Hockey (38667) **9.00** Tennis: French Open (86344) **11.00** Basketball: Germany v The Netherlands (49761) **12.00-12.30am** Eurofun (61620)

UK GOLD
7.00am Michael Bentine's Potty Time (3463544) **7.30** Owl TV (3442051) **8.00** Lassie (4508709) **8.30** Dog House (4590780) **9.00** Dr Who and the Inferno (2880273) **11.00** Film: The Prisoner of Zenda (1952) starring Stewart Granger (10557148) **12.45pm** Film. Blackbeard the Pirate (1952) starring Robert Newton (25148380) **2.30** Sharon and Elsie (7933815) **3.00** The Bill Omnibus (5251051) **5.30** Stalky and Co (7937631) **6.00** The District Nurse (6442186) **7.00** Sorry! (4215457) **7.30** Sharon and Elsie (7914780) **8.00** A Horseman Riding By (8062525) **9.00** Film. The Ipcress File (1965) starring Michael Caine (8065612) **11.00** Life Without George (5802231) **11.30** Colin's Sandwich (2669780) **12.00-1.00am** In Concert. Nat "King" Cole (6219484)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am The Best of Jack in the Box (71457) **7.00** Commander Crumbcake (17761) **7.30** The Greatest Tune on Earth (36896) **8.00** Cartoons (28728) **8.30** RatKan II (116070) **11.30** Cartoon Classics (29898) **12.00** Marvel Hour (51544) **1.00pm** Okavango (37964) **2.00** 3-2-1 Contact (3438) **2.30** The Barkleys (2438) **3.00** Chicken Minute (5273) **3.30** Round the Bend (7983) **4.00** Runaway Ralph (19419) **5.00** Katts and Dog (7490) **5.30** Fifteen (6254) **6.00-7.00** Fame (57728)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Witness to Change **6.55** Weather
7.00 Sunday Morning Concert: Mozart (Overture, Le Nozze di Figaro: BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra under Mark Wigglesworth); Prokofiev (Romeo and Juliet — excerpts: BBC Philharmonic under Yan Pascal Tortelier); Ravel (La valse. BBC Philharmonic under Jean-Claude Casadesus); Bartók (Suite, The Miraculous Mandarin: BBC Symphony Orchestra under Mark Wigglesworth); Mendelssohn (Violin Concerto in E minor: Raphael Oleg; BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra under Tadaaki Otaka); Haydn (Symphony No 99 in E flat: BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra under Mark Wigglesworth)
9.00 News
9.05 Brian Kay's Sunday Morning: Boyce (Symphony No 2 in A), Lehár (Gold and Silver Waltz, Op 79), Boccherini (Guitar Quintet No 4 in D, Fandango); Butterworth (The Banks of Green Willow); Byrd (O Lord, Make Thy Servant Elizabeth); Ginastera (Dances, Estancia); Puccini (Love Duet, Madama Butterfly); **10.21** *Composer of the Week* preview: Gershwin (Wonderful; The Man I Love; Strike Up the Band); Elgar (Cello Concerto in E minor); Anon (In Taberna Quando Sumus, Carmina Burana); Orff (In Taberna, Carmina Burana); Bach (Prelude and Fugue in F minor, Well-Tempered Clavier); Falla (Nights in the Gardens of Spain)
12.00 Spirit of the Age: Christopher Page celebrates the English choral tradition in conversation with Timothy Day and John Potter. Second of three programmes
1.00pm News
1.05 Music for a While: Town and Country. Music for the church, home and court by Purcell and his contemporaries
1.35 Test Match Special: England v Australia. Commentary on the fourth afternoon's play from Old Trafford. With Brian Johnston, Jonathan Agnew, Christopher Martin-Jenkins and Neville Oliver. Trevor Bailey and David Lloyd provide expert comment. Including at **3.45-4.00** At the Bookstall. Early-season cricket publications
6.10 Evening Sequence: A selection of music on disc
7.30 Sunday Play: Edward II. Christopher Marlowe's political thriller about the king who put his heart before his kingdom. With Steve Hodson as Young Mortimer, Robert Patterson as Gaveston, and Adjoa Andoh as Queen Isabella. The Ad Hoc String Quartet and Maciek Hrybowicz, percussion, play music by Dominique Legendre. See Choice
9.50 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Mark Wigglesworth; Edinburgh Festival Chorus performs Strauss (Tod und Verklärung); Beethoven (Symphony No 9 in D minor, Choral). With Janice Cairns, soprano, Jean Rigby, contralto, Robert Tear, tenor, and Mark Beesley, bass
11.25 Music in Our Time: Susan Bradshaw introduces recent BBC recordings by the Nash Ensemble of three new works. Lionel Friend conducts Elena Firsova (Odyssey); Dmitri Smirnov (Eight-Line Poems); Petr Eben (Piano Quintet). With Lucy Selton, soprano
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Prelude **6.30** Morning Has Broken, incl Bells on Sunday from the Church of St Laurence, Appleton, Oxfordshire **7.00** News **7.10** Sunday Papers **7.15** On Your Farm: Robert Forster talks to brothers Ben and Murray Kent **7.40** Sunday **8.00** News **8.10** Sunday Papers
8.50 Nick Ross talks for the *Week's Good Cause* about the work of Reunite, the National Council for Abducted Children **8.55** Weather
9.00 News 9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke (r)
9.30 Morning Service from the Carver Memorial Church, Windermere
10.15 The Archers: Omnibus edition
11.15 News Stand, presented by Allison Pearson
11.30 Pick of the Week (r)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is the boxer Frank Bruno **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: Members of the Clavering Horticultural Society in Essex put their questions to Dr Stefan Buczacki, Sue Phillips and Daphne Ledward. Chairman Clay Jones
2.30 Classic Serial: My Son, My Son, by Howard Spring. The fourth of five parts, dramatised by Stan Barstow. With Ronald Pickup as William Essex
3.30 Sweat and Inspiration: The Ship. Engineering feats from the 19th century. The civil engineer Dr Mark Raiss tells the story of the construction of the Great Eastern (4/5)
4.00 News; Analysis: Europe's influence on British jobs and pensions (r)
4.47 Treasure Islands: Michael Rosen talks to the American writer Robert Cormier, author of *The Chocolate War* and *After the First Death*
5.00 News; Kershaw in Malawi (r)
5.30 Poetry Please! with Simon Rae **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.15 Feedback (r)
6.30 Ill Winds: The physical and psychological effects of global wind patterns. Also the wind's positive aspects and ways in which it is being harnessed
7.00 The Board Game: Nigel Cassidy chairs the executive quiz. With Janette Rutterford, Alastair Ross-Goobey, Nigel Whittaker and Peter Day (r)
7.30 Bookshelf: Harry Patterson, alias Jack Higgins, talks to Nigel Forde (r)
8.00 Concerto: The pianist Nikolai Demidenko talks to June Knox-Mawer, and introduces his recordings of a Chopin polonaise and his performance of Medtner's Piano Concerto No 3 in E minor
9.00 The Natural History Programme, presented by George Macpherson (r)
9.30 Special Assignment (r) **9.59** Weather **10.00 News**
10.15 The Craft of Crime: Three criminals talk candidly to Dick Hobbs about blowing up safes, robbing banks and dealing drugs
11.00 Frith Banbury: Martin Jenkins talks to the theatre director
11.30 Seeds of Faith: The first of three programmes on life in a dispersed community. David Bleakley reflects on the Fellowship of St John the Evangelist
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

Play of the Week: You May Leave, the Show is Over. *World Service, 1.01pm.*
Out of 1,000 plays from 84 countries entered for the World Service drama competition, this one, by the South African artist Andrew Verster, was adjudged the best. Its central character, Gwendolyn, is nearing the end of her life in an old people's home, bitter at first but learning to live and laugh again as a close relationship grows between her and a black maid. "I will go out," declares Gwendolyn, "like the fifth of November". In fact the play, which is Verster's first, ends on a surprisingly cheerful and inspiring note. There are fine performances by Rowena Cooper and Claire Benedict.

Sunday Play: Edward II. *Radio 3, 7.30pm.*
The Marlowe season, marking the dramatist's quatercentenary, continues with Robert Glennister in the title role of *Edward II*, a political thriller featuring specially composed music to underline Marlowe's theme of love and power in a battle to destruction. It is, as director Clive Brill notes, "a taut, thunderous journey through the death throes of a king." **Kenneth Gosling**

RADIO 1
FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Neale James (FM only until **6.00am**) **7.00** Gary Davies **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Number Ones on 1 FM **2.30** Rockline **4.00** The UK Top 40 **7.00** The Official 1 FM Album Chart **8.00** Anne Nightingale's Request Show **10.00** Gary Davies (FM only from **12.00**) **1.00-4.00am** Claire Sturgess (FM only)

RADIO 2
FM Stereo. **4.00am** Barbara Sturgeon **7.00** Don Maclean **9.05** John Sachs **10.30** Hayes on Sunday **12.00** Desmond Carrington **2.00pm** Benny Green **3.00** Alan Dell **4.00** Radio 2 Young Musician 1993 **4.30** Sing Something Simple **5.00** Charlie Chester **7.00** Richard Baker **8.30** Sunday Half Hour from Aylesford Priory, Kent **9.00** Alan Keith with Your Hundred Best Tunes **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme: Frank Delaney marks the birth of Dorothy L. Sayers **12.05am** John Terrett **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5
News and sport on the hour until **2.00pm**. **6.00am** World Service **6.30** Mark Curry **9.30** The Adventures of Tintin **10.00** Johnnie Walker with The AM Alternative **11.00** Test Match Special: England v Australia **1.00pm** Sunday Sport, incl World Cup Football: Faroe Islands v Wales **7.20** Open University: New Curiosity Shop — Quack Medicines; **7.40** Europe — Socialising the Market; **8.00** Religious Reformers and Secular Authority; **8.20** Sovereignty Revisited; **8.40** Maths — Methods of Integration; **9.00** Open Forum; **9.20** Art Works — Censorship in the Swinging Sixties; **9.40** Caribbean and Asian Workers in Britain **10.10** Across the Line **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

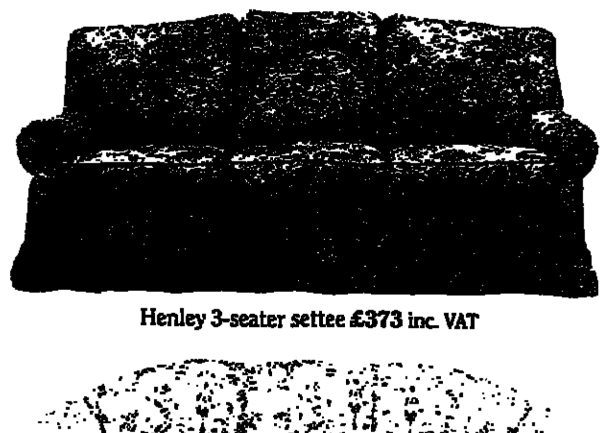
WORLD SERVICE
All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Sunday Feature; Tips für Touristen **5.30** Seeing Stars **5.45** Pop the Question **6.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** Printer's Devil **7.30** Jazz for the Asking **8.00** News **8.30** From Our Own Correspondent **8.50** Write On **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Classics with Kay **10.00** News **10.05** Business Review **10.15** Seeing Stars **10.30** Folk Routes **10.45** Sport **11.01** Science in Action **11.30** BBC English **11.45** News and Press Review in German **Noon** News **12.30pm** The Ken Bruce Show **1.01** Play of the Week: You May Leave, the Show is Over. See Choice **2.00** News **2.01** Coping with Old Age **3.30** Anything Goes **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News and Features in German **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** Modern Monarchs **5.45** Letter from America **6.00** BBC English **6.30** News and Features in German **8.00** Classic Recordings **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Folk Routes **9.30** Brain of Britain **10.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Seeing Stars **11.30** Letter from America **11.45** Sport **Midnight** News **12.05am** World Business Review **12.15** Classics with Kay **1.00** News **1.30** In Praise of God **2.00** News **2.01** AD 1789 **2.45** The Contemporary Virtuoso **3.00** News **3.30** Composer of the Month: Grieg **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sport

CLASSIC FM
6.00am Sarah Lucas **9.00** Classic Romance with Jane Asher **12.00** Celebrity Choice **1.00pm** Nicky Horne **3.00** Robert Booth **7.00** Authentic Performance **9.00** Evening Concert: Franck (Symphony in D minor; Violin Sonata in A) **10.00** Contemporary Classics **12.00-6.00am** André Leon

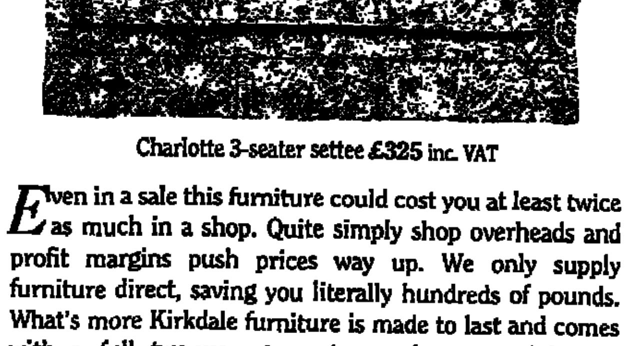
VIRGIN 1215
6.00am Graham Dene **10.00** Virgin Classic Tracks **4.00pm** The Virgin-Lebatt's Album Chart **7.00** Jonathan Coleman **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Sandy Beech

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DAVID FLUSFEDER PREVIEWS THE BEST OF NEXT WEEK'S TELEVISION

Passion and the politician



Much money was wasted on Ken Russell's *Lady Chatterley* and Lynda La Plante's *Comics*. In contrast, the Channel 4 animation series *Four-Mations: Aspects of Comedy*, shows how much can be achieved with vision and wit on a low budget. Other highlights (besides a nostalgic trip for the 1968 Manchester United side) are marital: a carefully intimate portrait of a Tory grandee's career and marriage, and a polyandrous ceremony up in the Himalayas.

Love Tory
Tomorrow, BBC2, 9.10pm
He's "cruelly handsome", says Michael Cockerell, the producer. Actually, he has a face that has been "corroded by misdeeds", says its owner, Alan Clark. This interview is accurately billed as an "intimate portrait" of the politician who was one of Margaret Thatcher's favourites ("She had very pretty ankles and little feet . . . she allowed me what are called liberties"). As a minister for employment, trade, and defence, he courted disaster because he liked to speak his mind.

Mr Clark does not seem to like foreigners very much (remember his remarks about black workers coming from "bongo-bongo land"?) but he has a high regard for animals (he is a vegetarian, and hunting is banned on his estate).

He started out as a historian and ended up as a politician whose ambition to be in the cabinet was consistently thwarted by his inability to toe the party line. It helps to be very rich, and Mr Clark is very rich. He is fairly open about the duplicity of politics. Eton, he says, gave him a good training for political life — teaching him to enjoy the pain of others. However, he nearly crumbles into tears when he talks about his father, Kenneth Clark.

But the main fascination of the programme is in the revealing portrait of a marriage. The Clarks have been married for 35 years: he wed at 30 and his wife at 16. The film suggests that a former girl friend, Christina, shared their honeymoon. ("Actually," his wife says, "she was nice; she was the nicest one . . . the rest were rubbish.")

Jane Clark is the epitome of that old cliché, the long-suffering wife. And the programme is almost cruel in its focus on that suffering. It moves from the pettiest details of the Clark breakfast table, with its two plates of different butter ("he's incredibly fussy", Mrs Clark says, "no one else is allowed to have his butter") to her evident pain caused by his affairs. "He *is* impossible . . . but I still love him," she says, defiantly and sadly, seldom looking at the camera and seldom at her relentless questioner.

Then she shows one of the paintings she has done — an ugly, jagged affair of a pink heart surrounded by barbed wire: "The black ones, as I call them," she adds.

Manchester Re-United
Monday, BBC2, 6.30pm
As England mourns the 2-0 World Cup defeat in Norway, here is a reminder of a happier football era, when everything was in black and white, when Kenneth Wolstenholme provided the cool, patrician commentary, when England was the World Cup holder, and Manchester United — led by Bobby Charlton and adorned by George Best — was the first English team to win the European Cup.

This programme's makers had the natty idea of gathering together that winning side and, on the 25th anniversary of its victory, showing the team the footage of that 1968 game against Benfica.

Charlton has about the same amount of hair as he had back then (in a gesture of vanity he wiped those few futile strands across his near-bare pate after scoring the fourth and final goal); Best has a lot more, but it is all over his face: the rest of them are silvering or balding.

The former team-mates seem to settle easily in together, surrounding their stern patriarch, Sir Matt Busby, and cheering like fans when the first goal goes in. It is a shame the programme shoots its wad by showing the cup-winning goals at the beginning, but the action is wonderful — Nobby Stiles felling the dangerous Eusebio with a cheerfully efficient foul; "young John Aston" (looking anything but that now) playing a blinder on the left wing.

However, the star turn is, of course, Best, the self-described "fallen superstar". It is a joy to watch him dribbling past three Benfica players, then looking around hopefully before he shoots, as if life will not be complete until he shimmies past a few more.

Horizon: The Electronic Frontier
Monday, BBC2, 8pm
Do you want these people in your house? Computer companies have colonised businesses, now they are doing the same to the home. This is a fascinating study of the grown-up men and women who call themselves "wizards" and "goddesses" and who are churning out the latest householder-friendly communications gizmos and toys.

Bill Gates, the owner of Microsoft, a leading software manufacturer, happily rejects the idea that there is any human intelligence which cannot eventually be programmed into machines. Then there are the people, such as Steve Roberts, who describes himself as "yuppie boho" and might well be a vision of the future on wheels. Mr Roberts rides around on his customised bicycle, which he has converted into a travelling network computer. His helmet contains a screen, the handlebars are keyboards, and a computer and a modem are also on board. He taps into his "virtual community" as he rides.

This is a future world for agoraphobics — absolute communication and entertainment without ever having to leave your computer. Virtual life.

Bob Godfrey: A Life in Shorts
Tuesday, Channel 4, 9pm
Godfrey is a bearded, affable man, with a weakness for cheesy gags, whose wonderful animated films come over like the fruits of a music hall marriage between René Magritte and Donald McGill, with Monty Python acting as best man. This documentary (which is part of the brief Channel 4 animation season — watch it all) includes interviews with Godfrey and his associates, past and present, as well as clips of his work, beginning in the early 1960s. The talk is in the rather dull jazz-buff/train-spotter tradition, but the work itself is imaginative, clever, and often very funny. If you ever wondered where Terry Gilliam learnt his animation style, the answer is here.

Inside Story: Children who Kill
Wednesday, BBC1, 9.30pm
At the Aycliffe Special Unit in County Durham, children who are guilty of murder and attempted murder receive careful therapy in an attempt to return them, eventually, to the outside world.

These are children with dangerous tempers, some have been hurtfully unloved. "Have either of your parents ever kissed you?" one of them is asked, to which the answer is a slightly grieving "No". Others have parents who have done their affectionate best to curb their deviant children.

It makes for dark viewing — with some glimpses of light at the end, when two of the inmates are rewarded for their good behaviour by being allowed to spend a half-hour outside the secure compound for the first time.

Business Matters: The Monkey Man
Thursday, BBC2, 7.30pm
"It's not a love-in, it's a jungle fight," warns Michael Hartley-Brewer, who hectors, humiliates and abuses executives for a living (and it is a good living . . . £4,000 a day).

Twelve managers from Hewlett-Packard in Ireland are shown enduring Mr Hartley-Brewer's two-day course. He uses role-playing games, video-tape and old-fashioned, evangelical oratory to teach people the tricks of making a deal.

A lot of it is to do with body language, with ways of speaking and looking. Do not break eye contact when you are telling a lie. Enjoy a good flinch when your opponent names an unrealistic price. Put away your paraphernalia when you have made your final offer — and show no pity to the shy man with the neatly clipped beard who becomes the butt of one of the sessions. "Are you on Planet Earth?" Mr Hartley-Brewer roars at him, and the others collapse into tears of laughter at their colleague's humiliation, grateful that — for the moment at least — they have escaped the spotlight.

Interestingly, few of them are brave enough to keep eye contact with their tormentor for very long.

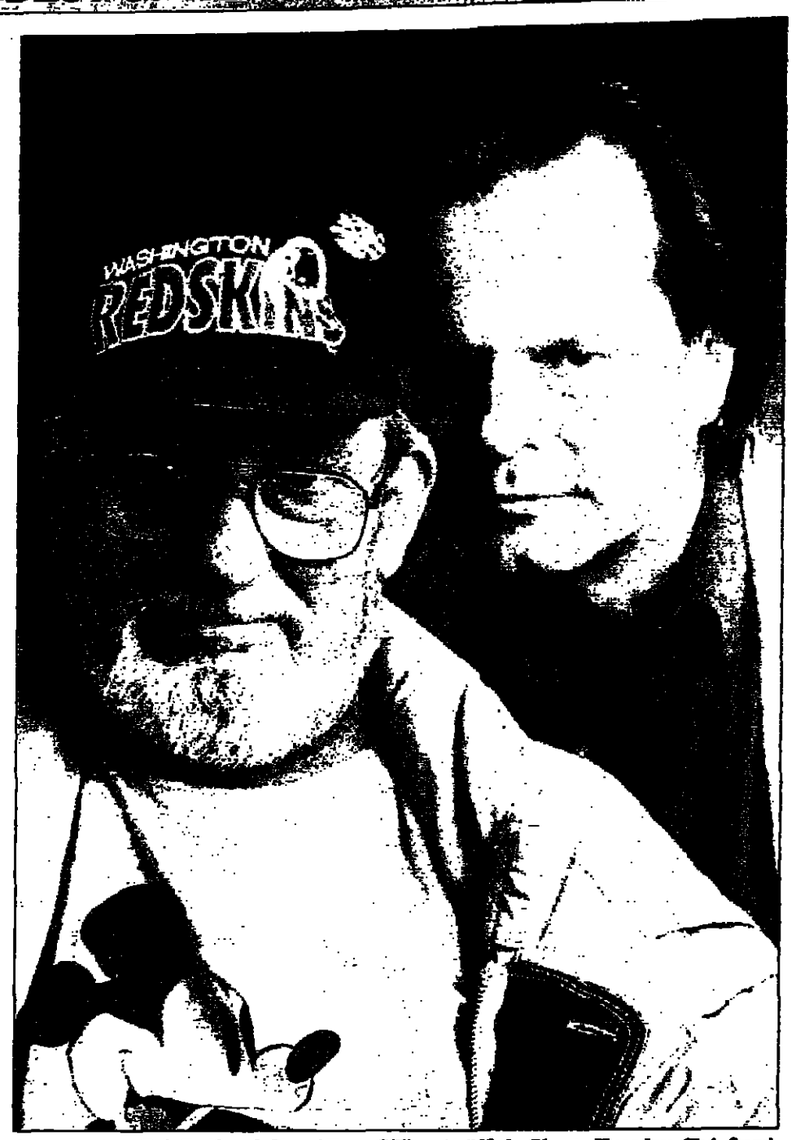
Under the Sun: The Dragon Bride
Thursday, BBC2, 9.35pm
A stunning documentary about a marriage in Nepal. Tsering Kangzum is a shy 16-year-old whose parents arranged her marriage four years ago. The twist here is that Tsering belongs to the Nyinba tribe which lives high in the Himalayas and practises polyandry — each woman is shared in marriage by brothers. Tsering will have four bridegrooms: the oldest is 16, the youngest is eight.

Rinzin is the oldest of the grooms. He is politely smug that he is getting at least a quarter-share in the prettiest girl in the village. He also has strong views about the qualities of an ideal wife: she "should be hard-working and she should be strong . . . she should have a good manner to bring luck and prosperity. Oh yes, she should be pretty . . ." What else? "A good body."

Tsering's opinion of an ideal husband is more modest: "A good husband shouldn't drink beer or liquor. He shouldn't smoke and . . ." (her brows knit, her face is turned demurely down) ". . . he shouldn't beat his wife."

Tsering is terrified of the marriage. She wants to stay at home with her parents; she wants to carry on singing with her friends. "Marrying four husbands will be difficult," she says. "I won't meet my friends any more, or sing with them, or else I'll be beaten. I won't be free any more."

She spends the day of the wedding in tears. Her ordeal ends, in a beautiful ceremony, with Tsering wearing a hat that looks like a boat, and under it a shawl to cover her tear-smirched face, while the men of the villages conduct ritual battle in sing-song riddles that collapse towards the end in beery pre-nuptial laughter.



Ace animators: Bob Godfrey (left) and Terry Gilliam (*A Life in Shorts*, Tuesday, Ch4, 9pm)

BEST TIMES

TODAY
Le Château de ma mère 1990, Fr (Ch4, 10.30pm)
TOMORROW
House of Games 1987, US (BBC2, 10.05pm)
MONDAY
Johnny Apollo 1940, US (Ch4, 2pm)
TUESDAY
Angel 1982, Ire (Ch4, 10pm)
WEDNESDAY
Condemned 1929, US (Ch4, 2pm)
Footloose 1984, US (BBC1, 10.20pm)
THURSDAY
Daisy Kenyon 1947, US (Ch4, 2pm)
FRIDAY
Best of the Badmen 1951, US (BBC2, 6pm)

SPORT

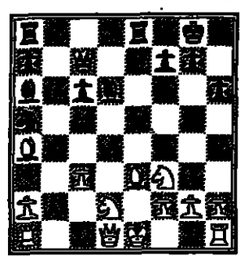
TODAY
Cricket: 1st Test — England v Australia (BBC1, 10.55am)
TOMORROW
Tennis: French Open — Men's Final (BBC2, 1pm)
WEDNESDAY
Football: US Cup — US v England (ITV, 10.40pm)
FRIDAY
Rugby: 1st Test — New Zealand v British Lions (ITV, 3.15am)

ALSO

Two Seconds to Midnight (tomorrow, BBC2, 7.40pm)

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



This position is taken from the game Balk — Barnes, New Zealand 1926. The black bishop on a6 acts like a flamethrower, cutting the white position in two. Can you spot his (black's) crushing continuation? *The Times* Predictamove game for the World Championship can be followed on Channel 4 Oracle page 478.

Send your answer on a postcard with your name and address to: *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The first three correct answers drawn on Thursday next week will win a British Chess Magazine book. The answer and the winners will be printed in *The Times* on the following Saturday.

Solution to last Saturday's competition: 1 Rxg6+. The winners are: P. Hutchins, Bexleyheath; T. Varga, Holyhead; D. Goodwin, Bishop Auckland.

WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

XERARCH
a. Xenophon's general
b. Cantor leader of the introit
c. A dry plant

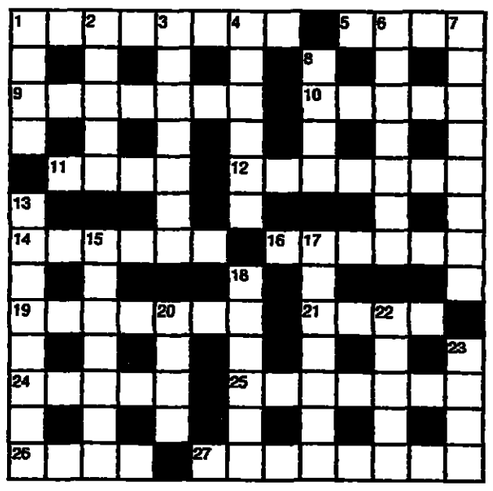
PANGERAN
a. A language of Borneo
b. A Malay machete
c. A Javanese prince

ETAERIO
a. A male companion
b. A solo card game
c. An aggregate fruit

LESPEDEZA
a. A leguminous shrub
b. The Samian goddess of hope
c. Suburbs of a city

Answers on page 13

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 3113



ACROSS
1 Wiltshire safari park (8)
5 Swindle (4)
9 Electroplating element (7)
10 Snake poison (5)
11 Alban -, composer (4)
12 Ballet dancer (7)
14 Petrol measure (6)
16 Rank (6)
19 Cattle gathering (5,2)
21 Domestic hen (4)
24 Before (5)
25 Flour sprinkler (7)
26 Stop up (4)
27 Little Rock state (8)

DOWN
1 Fortune (4)
2 Jog (5)
3 Childbirth confinement (5,2)
4 Huge fleet (6)
6 Whole speech meaning (7)
7 Commit to memory (8)
8 Anthony Eden earldom (4)
13 Sullen type (8)
15 Funds manager (7)
17 Crisp fabric (7)
18 Tall snooker rest (6)
20 Wooded hollow (4)
22 Weekly pay (5)
23 Weapons (4)

SOLUTIONS TO NO 3113
ACROSS: 1 Cucumber 7 Joker 8 Manhandle 9 Vim 10 Lord 11 Breeze 13 Talent 14 Decamp 19 Cherub 20 Dear 21 Way 23 Publicise 24 Mulct 25 Penchant
DOWN: 1 Camelot 2 Central 3 Meal 4 Endure 5 Skive 6 Crime 7 Jezebel 12 Unkempt 15 America 16 Per Cent 17 Rubble 18 Swamp 19 Cycle 22 C in C

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Pop wonders send up treats

Caitlin Moran picks out her Top Ten. This week: records



CHOOSING a Top Ten record is a wee bit difficult; like trying to pinpoint which DNA particle you particularly favour. However, narrowing the record selection down to this month's releases makes it a tad easier — even though every glitter-struck pop wonder seems to have scraped out the last metaphorical helping of Marmite from The Big Mental Marmite Pot and served us tea and cakes all round.

● Suede's members took a break from ejecting hysterical teenagers from their bathrooms and released that paen to doing dodgy, parent-unfriendly things: *So Young*. The whippet-hipped Brett Anderson exorts us all to "chase the dragon", and the illegally cute Bernard Butler does profound things to his guitar. The Bowie and Smiths references still hold true, but Suede is now becoming more like *Suede* than an amalgamation of other bands.

● *Regret* was the title of the first New Order single for ages. The last time the Manchester four-piece released a record, dinosaurs gambolled on the North Circular and *Spitting Images* was funny. Since then, various band members have got married to each other and hopped from record label to record label. Still, the change-over does not seem to have dented the band's pristine electro-pop-rock — *Regret* sees professional miserablist Bernard Sumner opening his diary again and wallowing through emotional detachment, trauma, turmoil, etc, slapped up against one of the most joyous, lolloping bass lines *ever* which does, strangely enough, sound like dinosaurs gambolling on the North Circular.

● New Order drinking buddies and synth maestros the Pet Shop Boys — or the chip shop boys as they are known to the dyslexic and my sister — gave birth to a healthy, bouncing single called *Will You Forgive Her* earlier this week. It is business as usual — unashamedly poptastic with a chorus that will give Radio 1 producers kittens.

● It is obscure wonderfulness time. Ed Kuepper is Australia's greatest export after *Sylvania Waters* — this man knows his way around an acoustic guitar. He wrings out wrought-iron feedback and inbeds it in marshmallow harmonies. The album, *Serene Machine*, should be available on prescription to anyone still in decline after the break-up of the Beach Boys.

● The Goth-classical storm of The Cranes supported The Cure on what was the biggest tour in the world last year, and now they have stirred up a syllabub of liquid sweetness and hate and slapped it on to vinyl, CD and cassette. The guitars sound like chain-saws in the distance and the wired string section slash the sound up into ribbons of heart-struck symphonietta. I am not prepared to die for any band, but I'd skin my shins and endure a Chinese burn for The Cranes' *Forever* album.

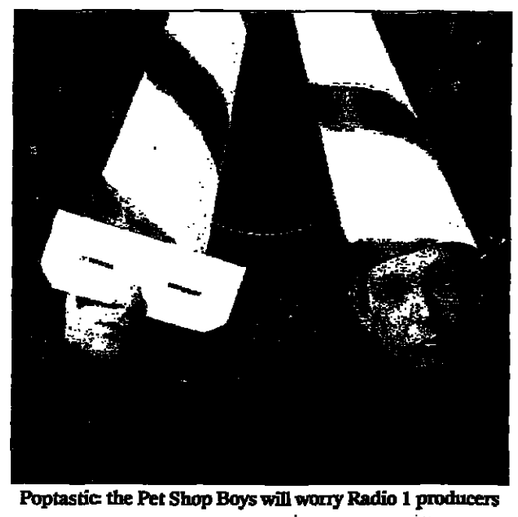
● The Red House Painters are American, broken, and using the long-playing format as therapy. Songwriter/singer Mark Kozeleck was in rehab at the age of 13 and delivers his small-time stories of loss and devotion in a soporific, Velvet Underground sort of a way. The eponymous album is 24 tracks long and rips your heart from its rib cage and skewers it with regret.

● PJ Harvey, the feminist power trio you can dance to, shoved its second LP into the Top Ten, fuelled by a wonderful range of mohair dresses and tunes so thick you could cement them together and call them the Bastille. From the drowsy, dead end of Yeovil, singer/songwriter/icon Polly Harvey somehow discovered a firesome rage and a clutch of tunes that Neil Young would sell his remaining teeth for. She screams, she moans, she wails through clenched teeth and *"ties her lover to her chest"*. What do they put in the water down there?

● Manic Street Preachers, Wales' answer to Guns N' Roses, slapped on the eyeliner and launched another attack on the Top 40. The emotionally-charged punk single *From Despair to Where* will be whistled by your postman, hummed by your plumber and cried to by 14-year-olds.

● To prove that Manchester is still a centre of wonderful music, and not just somewhere to stop off on a long-haul flight to Iceland, the Inspiral Carpets trawled through record collections, stopped off at the "blazing guitar and dangerous-to-eardrums" section and, thus inspired, released a single *How It Should Be*.

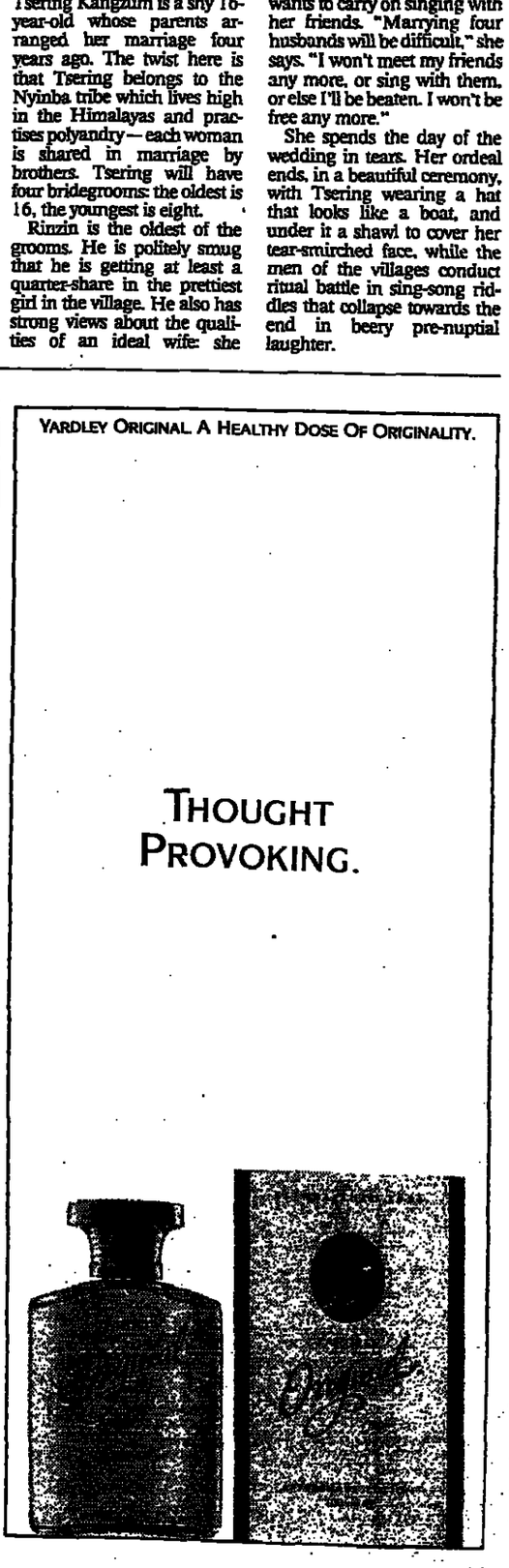
● So to electro-despair merchant Depeche Mode. After its last album it is the biggest band in the *world*. The video for the single, *Walking In My Shoes*, had loads of nuns snogging monks and people with what looked like twin Eiffel Towers strapped to their heads with ribbons. Art! Chorusest Beards! Pop Music! Don't you just love it?



Poptastic: the Pet Shop Boys will worry Radio 1 producers

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